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Acts made at a Par-
liament begun and holden at West-
minster the twentieth day of Januarie, in the
fourth and fith yere of the raigne of our Soue-
raigne Lord and Lady Philip and Mary, by the
grace of God Kyng and Queene of Englande,
Spaine, Fraunce, both the Sciciles, Hierusalem,
and Irelande, defenders of the faith. Arch duke
of Austria, Dukes of Burgundie, Millaine, and
Brabant, counties of Hauspurge, Flaunders, and
Tyrol: And there continued and kept, untill
the seventh day of Marche then next
folowynge, and enacted
as foloweth. —

Cum privilegio Regiæ
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- 1  An Act for the confirmation of letters patentes.
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- 8 An Acte for the punishment of such as shall take away Maydens that be inheritours, beyng within the age of. xvi. yeeres, or that marrie them without the consent of theyr parentes.
- 9 An Acte for the continuacion of certayne Statutes.
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- 11 An Acte of a Subsidie and one pence, graunted by the Temporaltie.

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mation of Letters Patentes.

The fyrst Chapter.



W^{here} sithen the. viij. day of July, in the fyrst yere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, diuers and sundry honours, castles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuerfions, seruices, and other hereditamentes, haue ben conueyed and assured to her highnes, her heyres and successours, by, or from diuers and sundry persons, and bodyes politike, as well for the discharge and satisfaction of great debtes and summes of money, as for other good considerations. For the perfect assurance, confirmation, & further suretie whereof, be it enacted, ordeyned, and established by the King and Queenes Maiesties, the Lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all feoffamentes, fines, surrenders, assurances, conueiuaunces, and estates, in any wise conueied, had, or made, to, or for our sayd soueraigne lord & lady the King & Queenes Maiesties, or to, or for our sayd soueraigne lady the Queene, by, or from any such person or persons, bodyes politike or corporate, of any such honours, castles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuerfions, seruices, or other hereditamentes, for any debte, summe or summes of money, or other consideration whatsoever, shall stande, remaine, & be good and auaylable in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, accordyng to the true meanyng, intent, & purport of the same: sauynge to al and euery person and persons, and to theyr heyres, bodyes politike and corporate, and to theyr successours, and to euery of them, other then such person or persons, and their heyres, their wiues, & euery of them, bodyes politike and corporate, and their successours, and euery of them, of, or from whom the King and Queenes highnesse, or the Queenes highnesse only, hath obtained or purchased the sayd premisses, or any parcel thereof, by exchange, gift, bargain, fine, feoffament, recouerie, deede inrolled, or other wyse, al such ryght, tittle, interest, vse, possession, rentes, reuerfions, remainders, offices, fees, commons, profites, and commodities whatsoever, which they, or any of them, haue, myght, or ought to haue had, of, in, or to the premisses, or any part thereof, in as large and ample maner, forme, and condition, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf this acte had neuer been had ne made: this present acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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And where as well our sayd soueraigne Lord & Lady, as our sayd soueraigne Lady the Queenes highnes, sithence the said. vii. day of July, in the first yeeere of her Maiesties raigne, as wel for diuers and great summes of money, as also for diuers and sundry other considerations, haue, & hath bargained, sold, geuen, or graunted, by their or her graces sundry letters patentes, indentures, or other wytynges, sealed vnder the great scale of Englande, or the scale of the Duchie of Lancaster, as well to bodyes politike and corporate, as to dyuers & sundry other their louyng and obedient subiectes, dyuers and sundry honours, castles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuerfions, seruices, and other hereditamentes, in fee simple, fee taile, or for terme of life, lues, or yeres, as in the same seuerall letters patentes, indentures, & other wytynges, is mentioned and declared: and to the intent the same letters patentes, indentures, and other wytynges, shoulde be of good, auayleable, and perfect force and effect, to all and euery her highnes louing subiectes, accordyng to the true meaning and effect of the same: Our sayd soueraigne lord & lady the King and Queene, are contented & pleased, that it be enacted by thautheritie of this present parliament. And therfore by our sayd soueraigne lord and lady the King and Queenes maiesties, the Lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, be it enacted and established, that as well all and singular letters patentes, indentures, and other wytynges, sealed vnder the great scale of Englande, or vnder the scale of the Duchie of Lancaster, and heretofore made or graunted by our sayd soueraigne lord and lady the King & Queene, or by our sayde soueraigne lady the Queene, for any summes of money, or for, and vpon other considerations, as all other letters patentes hereafter to be made by our sayd soueraigne lord and lady, for any summe or summes of money, duryng the space of. vii. yeeeres next ensuiuing the making of this act, to any body politike or corporate, or to any other person or persons, whatsoeuer, of any honours, castles, manours, lordshypes, graunges, meles, landes, tenementes, meadowes, pastures, rentes, reuerfions, seruices, woods, aduoufions, nominations, patronages, annuities, ryghtes, interestes, entrees, conditions, letes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, or of any other hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, or of any part or parcell of the m, sealed with, or vnder the great scale of Englande, or vnder the scale of the Duchie of Lancaster, of whatsoeuer kynde, nature, or qualitie, they or any of them be, or shalbe reputed, knowen, or taken, with their appurtenances, or any part or parcel of the, shalbe good, perfect, & effectual in the law, & shal stand, be taken, reputed, deemed, & adiudged good, perfect, sure, auayleable, & effectual in the law, as wel against the King & Queenes maiesties, as against the Queene, her heires & successors, accordyng to the tenor of the sayd letters patentes, the same to be expounded, construed, deemed, & adiudged, most beneficial for & patentees and

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and grauntes of the same, accordyng to the woordes and purport of euery the sayd letters patentes, without any confirmation, licence, or tolleracion of the Queene, her heyres or successours, any misnaming, misresitall, or none resitall of any the same honours, castles, manours, landes, tenementes, or other the premilles, or any parcel the reof, or any lacke of finding of offices, or inquisitions, of, & in the premilles, whereby the title of the Queenes highnes therein ought to haue ben found, before the making of the same letters patentes, or other writings, or any misresitall, or none resitall of leases thereof before made, aswel of record, as not of record, or any lacke of the certaintie, miscarryng, ratyng, or setting forth of the peerey values, & rates of the premilles, or of the peerey rents reserved of and for the premilles, or any parcel thereof, mentioned or contained in any the sayd letters patentes, or other writings, or for that the premilles be, or any part thereof, is valued to a more or lesse value in the sayd letters patentes or writings, then the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premilles, then were, or shalbe in peerey value, or any misnaming of the Townes, Hamlettes, Parishes, or Counties, where the same honours, castles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, hereditamentes, & other the premilles, & euery parcell thereof, or any parcell thereof, lien, or ben, or any lacke of the true naming of the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or of the natures, kyndes, sortes, or quantities of the said possessions or hereditaments, or any parcell therof, or any lacke of the true naming of the corporation, or any lack of attournement, luerie, or season, or any misnaming of any the late tenants, or farmours of the same, so solde or geuen, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that this act, nor any thing therein conteyned, shal not extende to make any letters patentes of any office or offices, to be of any other effect, force, or strength, then the same letters patentes were, or shoulde haue ben, before the making of this acte.

Provided alwayes, & be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that al a singular such patentees, grauntes, & donees, & euery of them, which at any tyme heretofore sithence the sayd. vii. day of July, haue obtained and gotten of our sayd soueraigne lord & lady the King and Queene, or of any of them, or at any tyme hereafter, during the space of. vii. yeeres, shall obtayne and get of our sayd soueraigne lord and lady the King and Queene that now be, or of any of them, by way of exchange, or for any summe or summes of money, any letters patentes of any Monasteries, Abbathies, Priories, Minories, or other Ecclesiasticall possessions, or of any parcell of them, or of any other manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes whatsoever, which at the date & making of any the same letters patentes so made sithence the. vii. day of July, or hereafter to be made, during the space of. vii. yeeres, as is aforesayde, were, or shalbe of better & more peerey value to the King & Queenes highnesse, or to any of them, in peerey rent & farme, then was, is, or shalbe conteyned, men-

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tioned, or specified in any such letters patentes, or in the particulars or rate thereof made, or to be made by any auditor, or auditors, suruey, or surueyors, or other officer: that then euery such patentee, grauntee, & donee, their heys, executors, or assignes, and euery of them, within one yeere next after office, and other due prooffe, order, and decree thereof made and had, or to be made and had within the space and terme of ten yeeres next after this present Parliament in the court of Exchequer, shall content and pay to the Queenes maiestie, her heires, & successors, for the same ouerplus and more value of the same Monasteries, Abbathies, Priories, Nunries, manors, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, with theyr appurtenaunces, so solde, geuen, graunted, or exchanged, as is aforesayd, after the rate of .xx. yeeres purchase, and accordyng to the yeerely value and rate, as the same manors, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, were at the tyme of the making of any such letters patentes so made, or to be made in maner and fourme aforesayde: any thyng conteyned in such letters patentes to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that this act, or any provision therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extende to confirme, ratifie, or make good any lease or leases, made, or to be made by our sayd soueraigne lord & lady, the King and Queene, or by any of them, for terme of life, liues, or for yeeres, whereupon the old and accustomed rentes, or more, be not, or hereafter shal not be reserved, and yeerely payable, during the time and terme of euery such lease: nor that this present act shal in any wise extend to reuue or make good any letters patentes, made of any office or offices, to any Comptroller, Customier, Alneger, Searcher, ne to any letters patentes of the graunt of any other office or offices, heretofore graunted or made by the King and Queenes maiesties, or any of them, which now be, or at any time heretofore haue ben adnichilated, determined, or made voyde, by iudgment, by authoritie of parliament, or by decree: nor by any patent to be made to any person or persons, for terme of yeeres, or during the minoritye of any heyre of any manors, landes, or tenementes, whereof any trauesse hereafter shalbe tendred within thre monethes after any office founde, and certified in any of the Kinges courtes of recorde: ne to make good any letters patentes made by our sayd soueraigne lord and lady, or any of them, of any office or offices, to be of any other effect, force, or strength, then the same letters patentes were, or should haue ben, before the making of this acte.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not extende to any letters patentes, which at any time heretofore sithence the begynnyng of the Queenes maiesties raigne, haue ben made, or hereafter shalbe made by the King and Queenes highnes, or by the Queenes maiestie only, to any person or persons, of any manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuer-

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sions, seruices, or other hereditamentes, by force of any information, suite, or suggestion made, or to be made to her highnesse, that the same manors, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, so conteyned in any such letters patentes, were consealed landes: nor to any letters patentes heretofore made by our sayd soueraigne lord & lady the King and Queenes maiesties, or any of them, to Raphe Jackson clarke, maister of the hospital of the Sauoy, in þ parish of S. Clements Dacorum, without the barres of the new temple London, & to his brethren, being perpetual chaplaines of þ same hospitall, & to their successors, but that the same letters patentes, & euery of them, shal stand, remaine, and be in the same force, strength, & effect, as they were before the making of this act: any thyng in this acte mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And where the manor of Southwel in the countie of Nottingham, and also in the scite & precinct of the Colledge of Southwel, in the same countie, together with diuers other landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, to the sayde late Colledge lately belonging or apperteyning, were conueyed and assured by indenture, fine, or other wyse, by, or from John Beamount esquire, vnto our late soueraigne lord King Edward the sixth, and to his heyres and successours, for the discharge & satisfaction of diuers great summes of money, wherein the sayde John Beamount was indepted to the sayd late King: Be it enacted and established by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde conueyaunce and assurance, shalbe perfect, good, sufficient, and anayleable, agaynst the sayd Beamount and his heyres, to al intentes, constructions, & purposes, according to the purport, tenor, & true meaning of the same conueyances and assurances: sauing to al and euery person or persons, and bodyes politike and corporate, their heyres and successours, and euery of them, other then the sayd John Beamount, his wyfe, and his heyres, and al other clayming any estate or interest, by, or from them, or any of them, sythence the same conueyaunce and assurance, all such ryght, tytle, interest, possession, estate, leases, rentes, seruices, commons, and all other profites and commodities whatsoeuer, as they, or any of them shoulde, or myght haue had, yf this acte had neuer ben had made: any thing therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte for the hauyng of Horse,

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Or the better furniture & defence of this realme: Be it enacted by the King & Queenes maiesties, with thassentes of the lordes spiritual & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of þ same, that as much of al & euery acte & statute, concerning only the keeping or finding of horse, hores, or armor, or of any of them, heretofore made, or prouided, & all & euery forfaiture & penaltie concerning only

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only þ same shalbe frō henceforth vtterly void, repeled, & of none effect.

And be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesaid, that euery noble man, gentleman, & other temporall person, after the rate & proportion hereafter declared, shal haue & keepe in a redines, such horses, geldings, armour, & other furniture for the wars, at the least, & in such sort & manner, as is & shalbe in this acte hereafter expressed & declared. That is to say, al and euery person temporall, hauing any honours, lordshyps, manours, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, or woods, of estate of inheritance, or free hold, to the cleare yeerely value of one M. li. or aboue, shall from & after the first day of May, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God. 1558. haue, finde, keepe, susteine, & mainteine within this Realme of England, of their owne proper, & at their owne proper costes and expences, fyre horses or geldynges, able for dimilaunces, whereof thre of them at the least to be horses, with sufficient harnesses, Steele saddles, & weapon requisite and apperteynyng to the sayd dimilaunces, horses, or geldynges: & ten light horses or geldynges, able & meete for light horsemen, with the furniture of harnesse and weapon requisite for the same: and also, xl. corselets furnished. xl. almaine riuets, or in steade of the sayd almaine riuets, xl. coates of plate, corselets, or brigandines furnished, xl. pykes, xxx. long bowes, xxx. sheafes of arrowes, xxx. Steele cappes or sculles, xx. blache bylles, or halberdes, xx. haquebuts, and, xx. morians or sallets. And euery person temporall, hauing any honours, lordshyps, manours, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, or woods, of any such estate, as is aforesayde, to the cleare yeerely value of a M. markes or aboue, & vnder the cleare yeerely value of a M. li. shal haue, finde, susteine, and mainteine, within this Realme, of their owne proper, and at their owne proper costes and expences, foure horses or geldynges able for dimilaunces, whereof two at the least to be horses, with sufficient harnesses and weapon, and saddles meete & requisite to the sayd dimilaunces, horses or geldynges, and, vi. light horses or geldynges, able & mete for light horsemen, with furniture of harnesse & weapon requisite for the same: and also of armour and weapon, xxx. corselettes furnished, xxx. almaine riuets, or in steade of the sayd almaine riuets, xxx. coates of plate, corselets, or brigandines furnished, xxx. pykes, xx. long bowes, xx. sheafes of arrowes, xx. Steele caps or sculs, x. blache bylles or halberdes, x. haquebuts, and, x. morians or sallets. And euery person temporall, hauing honours, lordshyps, manours, houses, lands, medowes, pastures, or woods, of any such estate, as is aforesayd, to the cleare yerely value of foure hundred. li. or aboue, and vnder the cleare yeerely value of a M. markes, shal haue, finde, keepe, susteine, and mainteine, as is aforesayd, two horses, or one horse & one gelding, able for dimilaunces, with sufficient furniture of harnesse, Steele saddles, and weapon for the same, as is aforesaid, & foure geldynges able for light horsemen, with sufficient harnesse & weapon for the same, and also, xx. corselets furnished, xx. almaine riuets furnished, or in steade of almaine riuettes, xx. coates of plate, corselettes,

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lets or brigandines furnished. xx. pykes. xv. long bowes. xv. sheafes of arrowes. xv. Steele cappes or sculles. vi. haquebuts. & vi. morians or sallets. And that euery person temporall, hauing lordshippes, manours, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, or woods, of any such estate, as is aforesayd, to the cleere yeerely value of two hundred poundes, or aboue, & vnder the cleere yeerely value of foure hundred poundes, shall from the sayd fyrst day of May, haue, keepe, susteine, and mainteine one great horse or geldyng, able for a dimillance, with sufficient furniture of harnessse and Steele saddle for the same, & two geldynges able for light horsemen, with harnessse & weapon sufficient, as is aforesaid, for the same, & also. x. corselets furnished. x. almaine riuets, or in the place of almaine riuets, ten coates of plate, corselettes, or brigandines furnished. x. pykes. viii. long bowes. viii. sheafe of arrowes. viii. Steele caps or sculs. iii. haquebuts, & iii. morians or sallets. And euery person temporall, hauing any lordshippes, manours, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, or woods, of any such estate, as is aforesayde, to the cleere yeerely value of one. C. li. or aboue, and vnder the yeerely value of C. li. shall from and after the sayd fyrst day of May, haue, keepe, and mainteine, as is aforesayde, two geldynges, able and meete for light horsemen, with sufficient harnessse and weapon requisite for the same, and also. iii. corselettes furnished. iii. almaine riuets, or in steede of them, so many coates of plate, corselets, or brigandines furnished. iii. pykes. iii. long bowes. iii. sheafes of arrowes, iii. Steele cappes or sculles. ii. haquebuts, and. ii. morians or salletes. And also euery person temporall, hauing lordshippes, manours, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, or woods, of any such estate, as is aforesaid, to the cleare yeerely value of a hundred markes, or aboue, and vnder the yeerely value of a hundred poundes, from the sayde fyrst day of May, shall haue, keepe, mainteine, and susteine one geldyng, able and meete for a lyght horseman, with the harnessse and weapon sufficient and requisite for the same, two corselettes furnished, two almaine riuets, or in steede of the same, two coates of plate, or brigandines furnished, two pykes, two long bowes, two sheafes of arrowes, two Steele cappes or sculles, one haquebut, one morian or sallet. And also euery person temporall, hauing lordshippes, manours, houses, lands, medowes, pastures, or woods, of such estate, as is aforesayd, to the cleare yeerely value of. xl. li. or aboue, and vnder the yeerely value of a hundred markes, shall from and after the sayd fyrst day of May, haue, mainteine, & keepe, two corselets furnished, two almaine riuets, or in steade of the same, two coates of plate, corselets, or brigandines furnished, two pykes, one long bowe, one sheafe of arrowes, one Steele cap or scull, two haquebuts, two morians or salletes. And also euery person temporall, hauing lordshippes, manours, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, or wooddes, of any such estate, as is aforesayd, to the cleare yeerely value of. xx. li. or aboue, and vnder the yeerely value of fourtie poundes, shall from the sayd fyrst day of

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of May, haue, keepe, & maynteyne one corselet furnished, one pyke, one haquebut, one morion or sallet, one long bowe, one sheafe of arrowes, & one steele cap or scul. And also every person temporal, hauing lordships, manours, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, or wooddes, of any such estate, as is aforesayd, to the cleere yeerely value of .x. li. or aboue, & vnder the yeerely value of .xx. li. shal from and after the sayd day, haue, keepe, and susteine one almaine riuert, coate of plate, or brigandine furnished, one haquebut, one morion or sallet, one long bowe, & one sheafe of arrowes, one steele cap or scull. And also every person temporall, hauing lordshippes, manours, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, or wooddes, of such estate as is aforesayd, to the cleere yeerely value of .v. li. or aboue, & vnder the yeerely value of .x. li. shal from and after the sayd fyrst day of May, haue, keepe, & susteyne, one coate of plate furnished, one blacke byl, or halbert, one long bow, one sheafe of arrowes, & one steele cap or scul. And also every person temporall, hauing goodes, or cattels, to the value of one thousande markes, or aboue shal from the sayd fyrst day of May, haue, synde, keepe, susteine, & mainteine, as is aforesayd, one horse or gelding, able for a dimillance, with sufficient harnesse, steele saddle, & weapon requisite and conuenient for the same, & one geldyng, able & meete for a lyght horseman, with harnesse and weapon sufficient & requisite, as is aforesayd, for the same, or .xxiii. corselets furnished, in steade of the sayd horse & geldyng, and furniture of the same, at his choyse. And also shal from the same day, haue, synde, keepe, & mainteine of armour & weapon, two corselets furnyshed, two almaine riuettes, or for the same almaine riuets, two coates of plate, two corselettes, or two brigandines furnished, two pykes, foure long bowes, foure sheafe of arrowes, foure steele caps or sculles, & three haquebuts, with three morions or sallets. And also every person temporall, hauing goods & cattels, to the values hereafter in this present act specified and declared, shal from and after the sayd fyrst day of May, haue, synde, keepe, susteine, & mainteine such geldynges, armour, weapon, and furniture for warre, as is hereafter declared: that is to say, hauing to the value of foure hundred poundes or aboue, and vnder the value of a thousand markes, one geldyng, able and meete for a lyght horseman, with sufficient harnesse and weapon requisite and meete for the same, or niue corselettes furnyshed, at his election, and also shal haue, synde, and keepe one other corselet furnished, one pyke, two almaine riuettes, or plate coates, or brigandies furnished, one haquebut, two long bowes, two sheafes of arrowes, and two steele caps or sculles. And hauing in goodes & cattelles, to the value of two hundred poundes or aboue, and vnder foure hundred, one corselet furnished, one pyke, two almaine riuets, plate coates or brigandines furnished, one haquebut, one morion or sallet, two long bowes, and two sheafe of arrowes, and two sculles or steele cappes. And hauing in goodes and cattelles to the value of a hundred poundes, or aboue, and vnder

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Under two hundred, one cosselet furnished, and one pyke, one payre of almayne riuetts, one plate coate, or payre of brigandines furnished, two long bowes, and two sheafes of arrowes, & two sculles. And hauyng, as is aforesayd, in goodes and cattels, to the balur of fourtie poundes, or aboue, and vnder a hundred poundes, two payre of almayne riuetts, or two coates of plate or brigandines furnished, one long bowe, & one sheafe of arrowes, one steele cap or scull, and one blake byl or halbert. And hauyng, as is aforesayde, in goodes and cartelles, to the balur of twentie poundes, or aboue, and vnder fourtie poundes, one payre of almayne riuetts, or one coate of plate, or one payre of brigandines, two long bowes, two sheafes of arrowes, two sculles or steele cappes, & one blake byl or halbert. And hauyng, as is aforesayd, to the balur of ten poundes, or aboue, & vnder twentie poundes, one long bow, one sheafe of arrowes, with one steele cap or scul, & one blake byl or halbert. And also that euery person temporal, not beyng aboue charged by this act, hauyng, or that hereafter shal haue any annuitie or annuities, or perylly fee or fees, for terme of lyfe, or of any estate of inheritaunce, or any copihold or copiholdes, for terme of lyfe, or of any estate of inheritance, to the cleare peerely balur of thirtie poundes, or aboue, shalbe charged and chargeable, with such furniture of warre, as is aforesayde in euery degree, qualitie, and condition, according to the proportions & rates before expressed, limited, and appoynted, for goodes and cattelles.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery person which by vertue of the acte made in the Parliament holden at Westmynster, in the .xxiii. yeere of the raigne of kynge Henrie the. viii. was bounde (by reason that his wyfe should were such kynde of apparel or other thing, as in the same statute is specially mentioned & declared) to keepe or find one great stoned trottyng horse, & is not by this act before charged to haue, mainteine, and keepe any horse or gelding, shal from the said fyrst day of May, haue, keepe, and mainteine one gelding, able and mete for a light horseman, with sufficient harnesse & weapon for the same, in such maner & forme as euery temporall person hauyng lordships, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, or woodes, of such estate as is aforesayde, of the cleare peerely balur of one hundred markes, is charged or appoynted to find, haue, and mainteine by this present act.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person, chargeable by this acte as is aforesayd, shal by the space of any three whole monethes after the sayd fyrst day of May, lacke or want the sayde number and kyndes of horses, geldynges, armour, weapon, and furniture aforesayde, or any of them, after suche rate, proportion, maner, and fourme, as is in this acte aboue limited, declared, and appoynted: that then euery such person shal forsayte and loose for euery such three monethes that he shal so lacke and want the same number and kynde of horses, geldynges, armour, weapon, and furniture,

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or any part thereof, for every horse or geldyng so lackyng, ten poundes, and for every demilance & furniture of the same, three poundes, and for every corselet and furniture of the same, fourtie shyllinges, and for every almaine riuet, cote of plate, or brigandine, and the furniture of the same, twentie shyllinges, and for every bowe & sheafe of arrowes, byll, halbert, haquebut, steele cappe, scull, morian, and sallet, tenne shyllinges, the one moitie of which said forfaytures, shalbe to the King and Queene our soueraigne lord and lady, and to the heyres & successours of the same our soueraigne lady, and the other moitie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same in any court of record, by byll, plaint, action of dept, or information, in the which byll, plaint, action, or information, no wager of lawe, esloigne, or protection, shalbe allowed or admitted.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the inhabitauntes of every Citie, Borough, Towne, Parryshe, and Hamlet, within this Realme, other then such as are specially charged before in this acte, shal haue, fynde, keepe, susteyne, and mainteyne at theyr common charges and expenses, suche harnesse and weapon, and as muche thereof, as shalbe appointed by þe commissioners of our sayd soueraigne Lord and Lady, and of the heyres and successours of the same our soueraigne Lady, for the musters or biewe of armour within suche Citie, Borough, Towne, Parryshe, or Hamlet, there to be kept in suche place as by the sayde Commissioners shalbe appoynted. And the numbers & kyndes thereof to be wytten and compysed in a payre of indentures, to be made betweene the sayd Commissioners, or two of them at the least, and twelue, eyght, or foure of the cheefest of every such Citie, Borough, Towne, Parryshe, or Hamlet, whereof one part to remaine with the chiefe officer of the same Citie, Borough, Towne, Parryshe, or Hamlet, and the other part to remayne with the Clarke of the peace of the Shyre or Countie, where any such Citie, Towne, Borough, Parryshe, or Hamlet, shal stand or be. And if the same inhabitauntes of every such Citie, Borough, Towne, Parryshe, or Hamlet, other then suche as are specially (as is aforesayde) charged, shall lacke or want suche harnesse or weapons, or any part thereof, as shalbe vnto them appoynted by the sayd Commissioners for the musters and biewe of armour, as is aforesayd, by the space of any thre monethes togeather, next after any such appoyntment made: that then the same inhabitantes shal forfayte for every the sayd thre monethes, for every such harnesse or weapons so lackyng, after the rate aboue limited, the one moitie thereof to be to our sayd soueraigne Lord and Lady, and to the heyres & successours of our sayd soueraigne Lady, and the other moitie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same in any of the courtes of recorde of our sayde soueraigne Lord & Lady, and of the heyres & successours of the same our soueraigne Lady, by byll, plaint, action of debt, or information, wherein no wager of lawe, esloigne, or protection, shalbe admitted or allowed.

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And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the lord Chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng, shal haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this present acte, from tyme to tyme to graunt out commissions vnder the great seale of England, to the Justices of peace within every Shyre or Countie of this Realme, or to so many of them, as by his discretion shalbe thought meete and convenient, for the appoynting & limittynge of the sayd harnesse and weapons, to be found, kept, and maintained in every such citie, Borough, Towne, Parithe, and Hamlet, at the common charges of the inhabitants therof, as is aforesayde.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, or any thyng therein contained, shall not extende to take away or discharge any tenant, or farmour, of his service or couenant towards his lord, for the finding of horse, armour, or weapon, or for dooing of service by him selfe, or any other, whiche by the tenure of his lande or farme he is bound to do at the tyme of making of this acte, but that he shal feeles, pay, and doo the same, in as large ample maner & fourme, as this act had never been had ne made.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the Justices of peace of every Shyre, shal haue power & auctoritie by vertue of this act, from tyme to tyme, to make search and viewe of, and for the sayd furnitures of horses, geldynges, armour, and weapon, to be founde, mainteyned, and kept by any person abovesayde, hauing lordships, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woods, to the cleere, & verry value of two hundred pounds, or vnder, & not aboue the verry value of foure hundred pounds, or to be found, mainteyned, or kept by any person or persons chargeable by this acte, by reason of his or their goods, cattels, annuities, fees, or copyholds, as is aforesaid, and to heare and determine at their quarter sessions, al and euery the defaultes committed or done contrary to this act, within the countie where such session shalbe kept, by inquisition, presentment, by l, or information before them exhibited, or by examination of two lawful iurymen, at the discretion of the same Justices, and to award processe therupon, as though they were indicted before them by verdict of iurymen, or more. And vpon the conuiction of the offender, by information or suite of any other then the kyng or the queene, or of the heyres or successours of the queene, to make estreats of the one moortie of the sayd forfeitures, to be leuied to the vse of our sayd soueraigne lord and lady, or of the heyres or successours of the same our soueraigne lady, as they vse to do of other fines, issues, and amerciamentes, growyng in the session of peace, and to awarde execution of the other moortie for the complaynt or insourmer agaynst the offender, by Fieri facias, or capias, as the kynges Justices at Westmister may doo, and vse to doo. And yf any such conuiction shal hereafter happen at the onely

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Suite of our sayde soueraigne lord and lady, or of the heyres or successors of the same our soueraigne lady, that then the whole forfeitures to be estreated and leuied to theyr bles onely.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that whensoeuer any person shal at any tyme hereafter be conuicted by vertue of this act, for any default or thing mentioned in this act, that then the same person shal not otherwyle or otherwise be heard, troubled, sued, or conuicted for the same default or thing, wherfore he shalbe so conuicted.

And be it mozeouer enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any souldier shal at any tyme hereafter make sale of his Horse, harness, and weapon, or any of them, contrary to the fourme of the sayde statute, made in the said seconde & third yeeres of the sayde late kyng: that then not only the same souldier shal incurre the penalties of that statute, but also the sayde sale made by such souldier to any person or persons, knowyng him to be a souldier, shalbe voyde & of none effecte, against him or them that found or set forth the said Horse, harness, and weapon, or any of them, to, or for the furniture of such souldier, to serue with the same.

Provided alwayes, that no person shalbe impeached or troubled for any offence done contrary to this act, vnlesse presentment or suite therof be had, made, or taken within one yeere next after the offence done: any thing in this acte to the contrary thereof, in any wyle notwithstanding.

Provided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf at any tyme hereafter, it shal fortune any person or persons aforesayd, to be sued or impeached for any forfeiture or penaltie, for not hauing sustaining, or keeping such furniture of cossetes, pikes, harquebuts, or morians, as by this acte is before limited, rated, and appointed, and for his and their excuse and answer, shal allege and pleade that the same furniture so lackyng, coulde not by him or them conveniently be had, gotten, or provided, for want & lacke of the same within this realme, accordyng to the tenure and purpose of this act: the same matter of lacke and want, as is aforesayde, shalbe allowed, and taken for a good and sufficient answer and barre in the law, in case it be true: and if the same be denied or trauesed, that thereupon an issue shalbe ioyned, and that the trial shalbe of euery such issue only had by the Certificate to be made by the lord Chauncelour, lord treasurer, the lord president of the counsel, the lord Steward of the kinges and queenes most honourable household, the lord priue Seale, the lord Admiral, and the lord Chamberlayne of the said household, or by three of them in wytyng, vnder their seales, or the seales of three of them: this present acte, or any estatute, lawe, or blage, heretofore had to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that

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that no person or persons chargeable by vertue of this acte, to or for the sending or hauing of any Horse, Geldyng, Armour, Weapon, or furniture for the warre, as is aforesayde, shalbe charged with the same, or with any of them, both for his manours, houses, landes, medowes, pastures, and woods, and also for his goodes, cattelles, farmes, leasses, and annuities.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wise extend or be adiudged or interpretated, to abrogate, repeale, or make boyde any part, sentence, matter, clause, article, or thyng, conteyned or specified in the estatute made in the xxxiii. yeere of the raigne of the late noble prince of woo: this memorie, hyng Henry the eighth, for, or concerning the hauing of long bowes and arrowes, and the vsyng, order, exercising, and mayntenaunce of Archerie, and shootyng in long bowes, but that the same statute, and every article, clause, sentence, and thyng therein conteyned and specified, touchyng, or in any wise concerning the hauing of long bowes, arrowes, vsyng, order, exercising, or mayntenaunce of Archerie, and shootyng in long bowes, shal stande and remaine in force, and be observed, performed, and kept, accordyng to the tenor, effect, and true meanyng of the sayde acte, vpon the paynes conteyned in the same, as this acte had not ben had ne made: this present acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, that if it shal fortune the sayde furniture of armour aforesayde, or any part thereof, at any tyme hereafter to be lost or spent, in any service of defence of this reame, or els the Horses or Geldynges aforesayde, to be kyled or destroyed, or els by some other occasion to be dead, that in suche case or cases, no person or persons shalbe charged with any forfeiture or penaltie aforesaid, for not hauing such quantitie or number of armour, Horses, or Geldynges, as is aforesaid, so that he or they within one yeere next after suche losse or want, do supply the same againe in al poyntes, accordyng to the true meanyng & purport of this statute, and any thyng in the same act to the contrary therof, not notwithstanding.

Provided also, that the want of any Garmet or Garmettes, shal not be deemed, accounted, or taken for any lacke or want of furniture for a Coselle: any wordes before expessed soundyng to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons charged with the sending of any harquebut, and his or her servant or servants, shal and may exercise and vse shootyng in the same harquebut, at such places as is limited & appointed by the statute made in the viii. yeere of the raigne of King Henry the eighth, or at their owne proper places, so that they carrie not, or vse not the same harquebut in any high way, vntill it be comyng or going

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ing, to or from the musters, or marchyng towarde or from the seruice of defence of the Realme: any clause or article in the sayde acte of the xxxiii. yeere to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to charge any person or persons, dwelling or abydyng within the Countreys of Northwales, and Southwales, and within the Countie Palentine of Lancaster & Chesser, or eyther of them, with the syndyng or hauing of any harquebut, but that they, and euery of them, shall and may at theyr wyl, libertie, and pleasure, haue and keepe in steele and place of euery harquebut, charged by this acte, one long bowe, and one sheaf of arrowes, ouer and beside suche other armour and munition, as is by the lawes of this Realme limited and appointed: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or keeper of the great seale, for the tyme being, shall and may from tyme to tyme, by vertue of the kyng & Queenes highnesse commission, name, assigne, & appoynt commissioners in euery Citie, Borough, & Towne corporate, wherein there be Iustices of the peace, as wel in Englande, as in Wales, so many of the same Iustices of peace, with suche and as many other persons to be ioynd with them, dwelling out of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, as he or they shall thinke meet, to take viewe of armour in euery of the same Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, accordyng to this present acte, and also to assigne what harness and armour shall be provided and kept by the inhabitants of euery such Citie, Borough, and Towne corporate, as is aforesayde, accordyng to this present acte.

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Here heretofore commaundement hath ben geuen by the kyng and queenes Maiesties, and other the progenitours of the queenes Maiestie, kynges of this Realme, to dyuers and sundry persons, to muster their Maiesties people & subiectes of this their Realme of Englande, and to leue a number of them for the seruice of their Maiesties, & of this realme, in their warres, such as were most able, and likeliest to serue wel in the same, whiche seruice hath ben greatly hindered, as wel for that a great number hath absented them

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them from the sayd musters, which ought to have come to the same, as also for that many of the most habile & lyhely men for that service, have ben through frendshipp or rewardes, released, forborne, and discharged of the sayde service, and some other, not being able or meete, taken, appoynted, and chosen thereunto, and yet the same disabilitye, and unaptnesse notwithstandyng, the same unable and unmeete persons, upon summes of money, or other kind of rewardes, or exactions by them payd to some suche as had the order of the sayd musters, have ben also released and discharged of the sayde service, to the great impowerrment of the subiectes, and cheefly to the great peryl and daunger of this noble realme, in the hynderaunce of the true and necessary service thereof.

For remedie wherof, be it enacted by the kyng and queene our soueraigne lord and lady, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporel and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons, that shalbe commaunded at any tyme hereafter, generally or specially, to muster afore any such as shal have auctoritie or commaundement for the same, by or from the kyng and queenes maiesties, or by the heyres or successours of the queenes maiestie, or by any leetenant, warden, or other person or persons auctorized for the same, do wyllyngly absent him or themselves from the same musters, having no true and reasonable excuse of sickness, or other lawfull impediment, or at their appearaunce at such musters, doo not bryng with them such their best furniture or array, and armour, as he or they shal then have for his or their owne person in a readinesse, shal for every such default and offence, have, and suffer imprisonment by the space of ten dayes without bayle or maynerpayse, by the commaundement of suche as shal have auctoritie, as is aforesayde, to take the sayde musters, unless he or they do offending as is aforesayde, doo agree to or with the sayde commissioners, or two of them, to pay to the use of the kyng and queene our soueraigne lord and lady, or of the heyres and successours of the same our soueraigne lady, for every such offence, fourtie shyllynges for a fine, where the sayde fine, after the agreement for the payment of the same, as is aforesayde, shalbe certified & estreated into the court of the Exchequer at Westmynster, by such as shal have power to take the sayd musters, as is aforesayd, or by two of them under their seales, or the seales of two of them, within the space of twomonthes next after such agreement to pay the sayd fine, had, or made and the same fine so estreated, to be levied in such court, as fines assessed by the Justices of Assize, or of Gaole deliverie, in their circuit, are used to be levied.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, whiche at any tyme or tymes hereafter, shalbe commaunded or appoynted by the kyng and queene our soueraigne lord and lady, or by the heyres and successours of the same our soueraigne

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raigne lady, by their commission, letters, or other wyse authorized, to leue, mustre, or make any men to serue in their warres, or other wyse for the defence of this Realme, do by any meane exact, leue, receyue, or take, or cause to be taken, any summe or summes of money, or other rewarde or thyng whatsoeuer, of any person or persons, for seruice in the warres, or that shalbe appoynted, named, or mustred to serue in any suche seruice, or for the sparyng, releasynge, or dischargynge of suche person or persons from the sayde seruice: that then every such person that so shal offend in exactynge, receyving, or taking by any way or meanes, any summe or summes of money, or other rewarde, or thyng what so euer, as is aforesayde, shal for suche offence forfeyte ten tymes so muche as he shal so receyue, exact, or take.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any captayne, petie captayne, or other, hauing charge of men for seruice in warre, shal for any aduantage, lucre, or gayne by him to be taken or receaued, discharge, or lycence anye of the souldiers, or men appoynted to serue in the warres, vnder his rule or order, to depart from the same seruice, or shal not pay vnto his souldiers, and to euery of them, theyr full and whole wages, conduct and coate money, within tenne dayes next after that suche captayne, petie captayne, or other hauing charge of men as is aforesayde, shal haue receyued the same: that then the partie so offendynge in geuyng any suche licence or discharge, as is aforesayd, shal lose and forfeyte for euery such offence, .x. tymes the value of the thyng so taken or receyued, and shal also pay to euery souldier, from whom he shal so withholde any the sayde wages, conduct or coate money, treble the summe so withholden: the one moity of al which forfeitures, other then suche as before by this acte is limited or geuen to the souldier or souldiers, as is aforesayd, for theyr wages, coate or conduct money withholdeyn, shalbe to the kyng & the queenes Maiesties, and the heyres & successours of the Queenes Maiestie, & thother moitye thereof to hym or them that wyl sue for the same, by action of debt, by lpaynt, information, or other wyse, in any court of recorde, in whiche action or suite no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that al Justices of assises in theyr circuits, and al Justices of peace, within the limites of theyr commission, in theyr assises & sessions, and stewartes of letes, lawedayeres, and liberties, at theyr letes and lawedayeres, shall and may from tyme to tyme enquire, heare, and determine euery of the sayde offences, committed or done contrary to this acte, within the precinctes of their commission, lete, or libertie: and yf any person or persons shalbe before the sayde Justices of assise, Justices of peace, or anye of them, presented, or indicted of any the offences aforesayde, that then the sayd Justices of assise, or Justices of peace, before whom such indictment or presentment shalbe taken or had, shal and may by the auctoritie

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witte of this act, toward such proces against every such person or persons
 so indicted, as upon indictment of trespass is tried & accustomed to be
 made. And if any such person or persons so indicted, do appear before
 the Justices, and confesse the same, or pleade to the same indictment,
 and after by verdict of twelve men, shalbe of any the sayde offences con-
 victed in such indictment or indictments convicted, that then the said
 Justices before whom any such conviction shalbe so had, shal and may
 award such person or persons so convicted, to be to prison, there to re-
 maine without baile or maynepysse, vntyll such tyme as he or they
 haue payde, or satisfied the moortie of the forfeiture aforesayde, vnto the
 hyng and queenes Maiesties be, and the other moortie thereof vnto him
 or them that shal come before the sayde Justices, and geue evidence a-
 gainst the partie to be convicted at the tyme of the sayd conviction, and
 by whose evidence he shalbe of the sayde offence convicted. And if any
 such conviction shalbe had, without any evidence openly geuen by any
 person or persons, that then the partie convicted, as is aforesayde, shal
 remaine in prison as is aforesayde, vntyll he hath satisfied the whole
 forfeiture to the hyng and queenes Maiesties be.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie afore-
 sayde, that if any the offences aforesaid, touching captaynes, petie cap-
 taines, or other hauing charge of men, shalbe committed during the
 tyme that any armie or number of men, being vnder a Lieutenaint,
 shalbe assembled and continue together, or by any captaine, petie cap-
 taine, or other hauing charge of men that shal serue any lorde warden,
 or other cheefestaine, that then upon complaynt thereof, the lorde
 Lieutenaint, or the lorde warden, or other cheefestaine, during the time
 of any his or their commission, shal and may heare, order, & determine
 the same offences, by his or their discretions.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned,
 shal not in any wise extende to take away or discharge any tennant
 or farmer of his seruiſe or couenaunt toward his lorde, for the fynd-
 yng of horse, armour, or weapon, or for doynge of seruiſe by hym selfe,
 or by any other, whiche by the tenor of his lande otherwys is bounden
 to do before the making of this acte, but that he shal peelde, doo, and pay
 the same in as ample maner and fourme, as though this act had neuer
 ben had or made.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd,
 that if anye suche captaine, petie captaine, or other hauing charge of
 men, as is aforesayde, shalbe at any tyme hereafter convicted, or orde-
 red by vertue of this acte, for any of the offences aforesayde, that then
 the same captaine, petie captaine, or other hauing charge of men, as
 is aforesayde, so convicted, shal not otherwys or estones be beryd,
 troubled, sued, or convicted for the same offence, whereof he shalbe so be-
 fore convicted or ordered.

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And where one braynche or article conteyned in the statute made in the seconde and thyrde peere of the raigne of the late kyng Edward the sixth, intituled, An acte touching the true service of Captaynes, and souldiers, whereby the departure of any souldier, serving as in the sayde acte is exprest, without licence of the lieftenant, or other officer or officers named in the sayde acte, or in their absence, of their deputies, was made felonie, is of no force, strength, ne effecte, at this present by reason of the acte of repeale of certayne treasons, felonies and premintr, made in the fyfth session of the parliament holden at westminster, in the fyfth peere of the queenes maiesties raigne. Be it for good and reasonable considerations enacted and establisshed by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the sayde braynche or article, & every sentence & matter therein conteyned, be from henceforth wholly revuied and continued, and be, and remaine in full strength and effect, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, the sayde acte of repeale notwithstanding. And that al and every other article, clause, prouiso, and matter, conteyned in the same acte, shall stande, remaine, and be in their full force, strength, and effect: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And yet neuerthelasse, where in the sayde acte it is provided, that no person or persons, shoulde be charged for the taking or receyving of any gyfte or rewarde of any of his or their tenants or freendes, towards the releefe, ayde, or helpe of the same persons, beyng commaunded to serue in warres, or otherwyse to fynde men on horsebacke or on foote, within this realme, or without, nor for the gyft, rewarde, ayde, or helpe reserved, or covenanted, to be payd or given to any person appointed to serue in warres, or to find horse or men to serue, by reason of any graunt, covenant, reservation, custome, or tenor: any thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary, notwithstanding, as by the sayde acte and prouiso more playnely it doth and may appeare.

Be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person or persons, shall or may by colour of the sayde prouiso, or of any wordes or matter therein conteyned, exacte, or demaunde, or leue any summe or summes of money, horse, armour, or any other thyng, other then shalbe employed forthwith in the present service of those warres, of the kyng & queenes maiesties, her heyres or successours, for whiche it is leued: the whiche summe or summes of money, horse, armour, or other thyng, or as muche thereof as shal not be spent, lost, or consumed in the sayde service, shalbe rendred and restored to suche person or persons as payd or deliuered the same, upon the penalties and forfeitures conteyned in the sayde acte.

Provided alwayes, that no person or persons, inhabityng within any Citty, Borough, or Towne corporate, beyng a Countie of it selfe, or in which any iustices of peace be, or hereafter shalbe, by charter, shalbe com-

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compellable by vertue of this acte, to make his or theyr appearaunce with suche furniture as is aforesayd, at any iudgement hereafter to be had or taken out of the suburbs, precinct, or liberties of the same Citie, Borough, or Towne, nor before any person or persons, authorized by commission, or otherwise, as is aforesayd, buttelle the Maior, or other head officer, of such Citie, Borough, or Towne, and one other discrete inhabitant of the same at the least, be ioyned in the same commission, or other auctoritie, as is aforesayd, with the same other person or persons so auctorized: any thing before mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An acte that accessaries

in murder, and dyuers felonyes, shal not haue

the benefyte of Cleargie.

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HOR the due punishment of such as committe, counsaile, or hye any person or persons, to commit, perpetrate, or doo any petit treason, wilfull murder, or any of the offences in this present acte mentioned: Be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and every person and persons, that after the fyfte day of Marche next comynge, shall maliciously committe, hye, or counsaile any person or persons, to commit or doo any petit treason, wilful murder, or to do any robbery in any dwelling house or houses, or to commit or do any robbery in or by any highway, in the realme of Englande, or in any other the queenes dominions: or to commit or doo any robbery in any place within the marches of Englande, agaynst Scotlande, or wilfully to burne any dwelling house, or any parte thereof, or any barne, then having coale or grayne in the same: that then every suche offender or offenders, and every of them, beyng outlawed thereof, or being thereof arraigned, and founde guilty by the order of the lawe, or being otherwise lawfully attainted or convicted of the same offence, or being arraigned thereof, shal stande mute of malice, or forwarde winde, or doo challenge peremptorie above the number of twentie persons, or will not stande mute to suche offence, shal not haue the benefyte of his or their Cleargie.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that every lord and lordes of the parliament, and peer and peers of the realme, having place and voyce in the parliament, upon every indictment for any of the offences aforesayd, shal be tryed by their peers, as hath ben accustomed by the lawes of this realme.

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An acte touchyng the

making of wollen Clothes.

The .v. Chapter.



Here in the parliament holden at Westmynster, in the fifth & sixth yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne lord kynge Edward the sixth, there was by great deliberation and aduise, one good acte made for the true & perfect making of woollen cloth within this realme: by the which the making whereof, diuers Clothiers found them selues agreed, alleagying that it is impossible for them to obserue the same act in al poyntes, and haue in this present parliament prayed some mitigation thereof: It is therefore at their speciall instance and request, ordered, established, enacted, and provided, in maner and fourme folowynge.

In primis, that every white cloth and clothes, commonly called long mozeffers, and al lyke clothes of lyke making, mentioned in the sayde acte, which by the same was limited to weigh. lxxiiij. poundes, being wel scoured, thyched, mylled, and fully dyed, shal weigh. lxxl. poundes at the least.

Item, every white cloth, which shalbe made in the countie of North, Gloucester, & Somerset, or any of them, or els where, of lyke making, being appoynted by the said acte to weigh. lxxiiij. poundes, shal weigh, being wel scoured, thyched, mylled, & fully dyed. lxx. poundes at the least.

Item, that every brode cloth made in the Shires of Kent, & Sussex, or at the towne of Reading, or any of them, or els where, of lyke making, mentioned in the sayde acte, which by the same was limited to weigh lxx. poundes at the least, shal weigh, being wel scoured, thyched, mylled, and fully dyed. lxxvi. poundes at the least.

Item, that every course cloth, made in the Shires of Suff. Dorset, and Essex, or any of them, or els where of lyke sort, & every course cloth to be made within the Shire of Kent, not exceeding the price of fyve poundes; at whiche by the sayde acte are appoynted to conteyne seven quarters of a parde at the least in breadth, shal conteyne and be at the water, being through wet, fyve quarters and a halfe within the lxx, through, and by al the whole cloth.

Item, every pard of cloth, commonly called handie warpe, being wel scoured, thyched, mylled, and fully dyed, shal conteyne the breadth specified in the said acte, and shal weigh two poundes & a halfe at the least. And so far as much as many persons do counterfeit the making of Colfaxe, Bocking, and Baitmore clothes, commonly called handie warpes, adding thereunto such like lists, as the makers of such clothes do, to the great

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great deceite of the kyng and queenes maiesties subiectes: Be it therefore enacted, that no person or persons from the fyrst day of May next comming, shal adre vnto any cloth or clothes, any such like list or list, except the warpe therof be spun vpon the roche or distaffe, vpon paine of forseynture of the same cloth or clothes, or the very value therof.

Provided alwayes, that the cloth makers within the citie of London, may make such listes as they haue done heretofore.

Item, that no person or persons, inhabiting within the westriding in the county of Yorke, shal make or cause to be made, any hore cloth, or clothes called Perwies, Taunies, violets, or Greenes, except the wol therof, before it be conuerted into yarne, be first died, litted, and coloured with the colour blue, of the value of .ii.d. a pound, vpon payne of forseynture of euery such coloured cloth, or the value therof, whereof the wol shal not be fyrst died, litted, & coloured, with the colour blue, of .ii.d. a pound, as is aforesayde.

Item, that euery ordinarie Barley mentioned in the sayde acte, shal conteyne in length in the water, betwene .xvi. and .xvii. yardes, yarde and ynche, and beyng wel scoured, thyched, mylled, dressed, & fully dyed, shal weygh .xii. poundes the peece, at the least. And euery Barley called sorting Barley, mentioned in the sayd acte, beyng wel scoured, thyched, mylled, dressed, and fully dyed, ready to be shewed, shal weygh .xii. poundes at the least.

Item, that euery Devonshyre Barley, called Bollone, the which is the least, shal weygh, beyng wel scoured, thyched, mylled, and fully dyed, after the rate of euery yarde, one pounde at the least.

Item, that one article mentioned in the sayde statute concerning welthe Cottons, touching the length and weight, shal be clearly voyd: and euery goade of welthe lining, shal conteyne and be three quarters of a yarde in breadth in the water, and shal weygh one pounde and a halfe quarter: and euery yarde of Cotton being fully wrought and cottoned, shal weygh one pound at the least.

And be it further enacted, that no person or persons, whiche shall buye to sel agayne, by way of retayle, or other wyse, any of the sayde welthe lininges, shal dresse or worke, or cause to be dressed or wrought, within his or their dwelling house or houses, or in any other place, by him selfe, or his seruiaunt or seruantes, any of the sayd welthe lininges, but shal put the same to some such person or persons as shal be of the art or science of Shearmen, cottoners, or frisers, to be by them wrought and dressed, vpon paine of forseynture for euery welthe cotton or lynyng, fryed or cottoned to the contrary. vi. s. b. ii. d.

Item, that al and euery Cotton or Cottons, called Manchester, Lancashyre and Cheshyre Cottons, and al clothes called Manchester Rugges, or Manchester fryles, may be diuided into two halfe peeces, and shal conteyne and be after the rate of suche breadth and weight, as in the sayd act is limited and appoynted to a whole peece
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of euery of the seueral peeces of Cottons and Rugges aforesayd: any thing in the said former statute to the contrary, in any wyse not withstanding.

And yf any Cloth or Karsley, of the seueral kindes of manings, mentioned in the sayd former acte, or this estatute, do exceede the seuerall lengths mentioned in the same: that then euery yard so exceeding, shal weygh after such rate, as euery yard of such cloth or Karslies, conteynynge the sayd seuerall lengthes, shal or ought to weigh, vpon paine of forseynture for euery yard not weighing after such rate. v. s. And yf any such cloth or Karslies shal lacke of such weyght, as by the sayd statute or this acte it ought and is appoynted to haue, then the maker therof, or other person, in whose handes or possessions the same shalbe found, shal forseynture for euery pounce lackynge aboue foure poundes, fyue shyllynge, and also for euery pounce exceeding not aboue foure poundes, two shyllynge, in maner and forme, as in the sayd former acte is appoynted.

Item, one article mentioned in the said statute, wherin the Alnegger is prohibited to set his seale to any cloth or Karsley, whiche shal proue pursey, bandy, squally, in, or by warpe or woofe, or els shal happen to be euyl buried or wasted in the myl, or otherwyle to be ful of holes, mylbraches, or to holie, shalbe boyd and of none effect.

Item, it is enacted, that if at any time after the first day of May, any cloth or Karsley, through the default or negligence of the handers, spinners, or weauers, or any of them, shal, or do proue eyther pursey, cockley, bandy, squally, or rowie, by warpe or woofe, or els shal happen to be euyl buried, or wasted in the myl, or els through the default or negligence of the myl man, or otherwyle to be ful of holes, mylbraches, or to be holie: that then the maker of euery such cloth or Karsley, so being defectiue or faultie, as is aforesayd, shal fyre vnto euery ende of the sayd cloth or Karsley, so being defecte & faultie, and offered to be solde, one seale of leade, in the whiche shalbe ingraued this worde (faultie) vpon payne of forseynture of such cloth or Karsley, or the value thereof, so offered to be solde, whereunto such seale shal not be set.

Item, the article mentioned in the sayd former acte of returnynge of defectiue clothes, Karslies, frysles, or Cottons, beyng transported ouer the seas by the merchantes shalbe vterly boyd. But neuerthelesse, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that if it shal fortune hereafter any merchaunt or merchantes, to transport any cloth or clothes, Karsleyes, frysles, or Cottons, wthreunto the seale with this worde (faultie) was not annexed at the tyme of the sale therof by the Clothier, and the same clothes, Karsleyes, frysles, or Cottons, so transported, or any of them to be found faultie or defectiue, and the same merchant or merchantes therof, within two yeeres after such sale, to buyng a certificate, sealed with the seale of any Towne, or company in the parties

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parties beyonde the seas, or signed by a Notarie there, after the accustomed maner, testifiyng and declaryng therby the losse and damage whiche the merchautes shal haue susteyned by suche defectiue and faultie cloth or clothes so transported : that then the clothier or clothiers, or other person of whom the cloth or clothes were bought, their executors or administratours, shal within sixe weekes next after request made by the sayde merchant, his executors, administratours, or assignes, well and truly satisfie, content and paye, to suche merchant, his executors, administratours, or assignes, all and euery suche summe and summes of money, as shall so be mentioned, expressed, and declared in the sayde certificate, vpon payne of forfeyture to the partie greeued, for euery non payment vpon suche request, double the value of suche summe or summes mentioned in the sayd certificate.

Provided alwayes, that suche merchant shal not in any wyse haue by vertue of this acte, any recompence for lacke of length, breadth, or weight, of, or for any cloth, whereunto the seale of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate shalbe fxyed.

Item, yf any person shal by hym selfe, or by any other person by hym procured, counterfeyte, set to, or take away from any cloth, karsey, frysle, Kugge, or Cotton, any seale appoynted to be fxyed to any cloth, karsey, frysle, Kugge, or Cotton. eyther by this acte, or by the sayde former estatute : that then euery suche person so offendyng, shal incurre and haue lyke penalties, forfeytures, and punishmentes, as in the sayde former acte is appoynted and limited for the lyke offence.

And for the better execution as wel of this present acte, as of the sayde former estatute, and to the intent that all kynde of karseys, Cottons, frysles, Kuggs, & other wollen cloth, made in any Towne, shalbe y better knowen, it is further enacted, that the seale of euery Borough, or Towne corporate, appoynted, or to be appoynted for the sealyng of any suche kynde of cloth, shalbe fxyed to all and euery suche kynde of cloth, beyng wel and substantially made within suche Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate : which cloth so sealed with the seale of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shal not be searched, tryed, or biewed, by any Searcher or sealer of any other Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, by vertue of his sayde office : any thyng in this acte, or in the sayde former estatute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Item, be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery person and persons, not dwellyng and inhabityng within any Citie, Borough, or corporate Towne, and making any of the clothes, or karseys aforesayde, may lawfully bryng the same to the next Citie, Borough, or corporate Towne, where any suche kynde of clothes, or karseys, be or shalbe commonly made, there to be sealed in maner & fourme as is afore expressed.

Item, yf any Searcher or Sealer, appoynted, or to be appoynted by

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vertue of this present acte, or of the sayde former statute, shal let the seale of any Citie, Borough, or Towne incorporate, to any cloth, whiche shall not conteyne suche length, weight, and breadth, as in the sayde former statute, or in this present acte is appoynted: that then the Maior and comminalltie, or Bailiffe and comminalltie, or other corporation of the Towneship, by whatsoener name or names it or they shalbe incorpored, where suche cloth, karsey, fryse, cotton, or rugge, shalbe so sealed, shal forfeite and lose the whole value of the cloth so sealed.

It is also enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd searchers or sealers, & every one of them, shal haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, in the day tyme to enter into al and every house & houses, of every person & persons, where he or they shal thinke meete, to search, and to trye al & every kynde of clothes, karseys, fryses, and rugges, as they shal fynde defectiue, eyther in length, breadth, or weight, and the same to trye by water and weyght, and also to searche and cease as forfeite, al and every cloth and clothes made of other colours then in the sayde former acte is appoynted, fryers gray, aane colour, purple, and olde medley colours, most commonly bled to be made before twentie yeeres last past, onely excepted.

And yf any maner of person or persons, at any tyme after the firste day of May next commynge, shall denye, withstande, or withhold any cloth or clothes, karseys, fryses, rugges, or any of them, from the sayde sealers, or searchers, or any of them, or wyl not suffer them to enter into their shops, warehouses, houses, or places, where their clothes, karseys, fryses, or rugges shalbe, the same to be searched and tryed as is aforesayd: that then every such person or persons, so denying or withstanding, for every such withstanding, withholding, or denyall, to forfeite and lose ten poundes.

Be it likewise further enacted, that it shal not be lawfull for anye of the sayde sealers or searchers, or any other person, to searche any maner of wollen cloth or karsey, whereunto the seale of a Citie, Borough, or Towne incorporate shalbe fixed, within the common cloth markette of London, commonly called Blackwel hal, or in any common cloth faire, or cloth market of any other Citie, Borough, or Towne incorporate, in & during the tyme of the saye or market: any act or statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted, that al and every article, clause, and sentence in the sayd former statute, made in the fift and sixt yeeres of the raigne of our late soueraigne lord hyng Edward the sixt, beyng not repugnant or contrary to any article, clause, or sentence, conteyned in this present acte, shal stand in ful force and effect.

Provided alwayes, that no person or persons shall incurre the daunger, penaltie, or forfeiture, limited and appoynted for any offence in the sayde former acte, the whiche is already mitigated, or otherwyle appoynted.

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appointed by this present acte.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that every clothier shal cause every cloth whiche he shal put to sale, from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of saint John Baptist next comming, to be marked with the letter. *M.* crowned, wrought in þ cloth, vpon payne to forseyte. *xx. s.* for every cloth, beyng solde, or put to sale by any such clothier after the sayde feast, not marked with the sayde letter. *M.* as is aforesayde.

And moreover, be it enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons after the sayde feast of the natiuitie of. *S.* John Baptist, shal set or put to sale within the realme of Englande, any coloured cloth of any other colour or colours, then are hereafter in this acte mentioned; that is to say, scarlet, red, crimson, morrey, violet, perwe, browneblue, blache, greene, yelow, blue, orange tawny, russet, marble, grey, sad new colour, azney, watchet, sheepes colour, lion colour, motley, yron gray, fyers gray, crane colour, purple, and olde medley colour, most commonly used to be made aboue and before twentie yeeres last past.

Item, whereas diuers auncient Cities, Borowghes, and Townes corporate within this Realme of Englande, hath ben in tymes past, wel and substantially inhabited, occupied, maynteyned, and vpholden, as wel by reason of making of broad wollen clothes, and harness, as also by dyuers other artificers, inhabiting then in the said Townes, at which time also the villages and husbände Townes flourished, and husbandry and tyllage was wel maynteyned, to the great benefite of the Realme, and al the people therein. Forasmuch as diuers yeeres past, suche persons as do ble the seate of mystry of cloth making, not contented to lyue as artificers, and with the trade wherein they haue ben brought vp, do dayly plant them selues in villages & Townes, beyng no Cities, Borowghes, nor corporate Townes, & there occupying the seate and place of a husbandman, doo not onely ingrosse dyuers farmes and pastures into theyr handes, displeasing the husbandman, and decayng the ploughes and tyllages, but also drawe with them out of Cities, Borowghes, and Townes corporate, al sort of artificers, whereby not onely diuers auncient Cities, Borowghes, and Townes corporate, are bitterly decayed, destroyed, and depopulated, but also husbandry and tyllages very much decayed, to the great hurt, damage, and preiudice of this Realme, and the people therein, if speedie remedie be not forseene. And forasmuch also, as the weauers and workemen of clothiers, when they haue ben traded vp in the trade of clothmaking and weauing. *iii. or. iiii. yeeres.* doo forsake their masters, and doo become clothiers and occupiers for them selues, without stocke, skill, or knowledge, to the great scaunder of the true clothmaking, beydes a great number of inconueniences whiche doo growe to the common wealth of this Realme therby, as daily experience teacheth: Be it there-

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foze ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the first day of May next comming, no person or persons whatsoeuer, shal be or exercise the seate or myserie of making, weauing, or rowing of wollen cloth, long or short, or karleys, pined whites, or playne streites, to the intent to put the same to sale, but only in a market Towne where cloth hath commonly ben used to be made by the space of .x. yeeres last past, or in a Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, vpon payne of forseynture for euery such wollen cloth or karley, made, wouen, or rowed, out of such Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, fyue poundes.

And it is further enacted, that from and after the fyfth day of May, no person whatsoeuer, shal weaue or make, or put to weauing or making any wollen clothes or karleys last rehearsed, to be solde, vnlesse suche person shal haue ben apprentice to the occupation of making, weauing, and rowing of cloth or karleys, or haue ben exercised therein by the space of seuen yeeres before, vpon payne of forseynture of suche cloth, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery paynes, penalties, and forseyntures to be due by force of this statute, or of the sayde former acte, beyng not otherwyse appoynted, shalbe diuided equally into two partes, whereof the one shalbe to the quenes highnesse, her heyres and successours, and the other vnto him that wyl lease (in cases where leaser is limited or appoynted) or els to hym or them that wyl sue for the same paynes, penalties, and forseyntures, or any of them, by action, byl, playnt, information, or otherwyse, in any court of recorde, wherein no esloigne, protection, wager of lawe, or inunction shalbe admitted, allowed, or obeyed.

Provided alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull to any person, now being, or exercising the seate or myserie of making, weauing, or rowing of cloth or karley, to inhabite and dwell where he nowe doth, and there to be the making, weauing, or rowing, of cloth or karley, as he hath done heretofore: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery person or persons whiche nowe doo, or hereafter shal inhabite or dwell in any of the Shires of Northwales, or Southwales, Cheshire, of Lancashire, Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, Bishoprike of Durham, Cornewall, Suffolke, Bent, the Towne of Goddelmire in the Countie of Surrey, or Dorsetshire, being not within twelue miles of the Citie of Yorke, or in any the Townes or villages neare adioyning the water of Stroude, in the Countie of Gloucester, where clothes hath ben usually made by the space of twentie yeeres last past, and hauing ben prentice to the occupation of cloth making, or exercised in the same by the space of seuen yeeres, to set vp, be, & exercise the seate or myserie

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of making, weauyng, or rowyng of cloth, out of a Citie, Borough, or market Towne, as heretofore they myght haue done: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that it shalbe lawfull to any person, now or byng or exercysyng, or that hath used or exercised the seate or mysterie of cloth making, the same to continue, use, and exercise, although he hath not ben therunto apprentice, or haue exercised the same by the space of seven yeres: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, & be it also further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to every person & persons, to sell and put to sale by retails and other wyse, al and every such coloured cloth & clothes as he or they now haue, as freely as he or they may lawfully sel any clothes of the colours in this present act allowed to be solde, vnto the feast of saint Michael the archangell next ensuyng: this acte, or the sayd former statute, in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte to enquire of the be-

haviour of Frenchmen, beyng Denizens.

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Theyy most humble wyse, shewen unto your most royal Maieste, & lordes spiritual and temporal, and al other your most louing and obedient subjects, the commons in your most hygh court of parliament assembled, that where at a parliament holden at westminster, the. xiii. yere of the raigne of kyng Richard the second, it was for sundry good considerations ordeyned and enacted, that no alien french men, shoulde haue or enioy any benefice within this Realme, but that they shoulde be auoyded forthwith out of the same, before a certayne tyme in the sayde act limited, as in the same act is more playnely conteyned. And that at what houre any ppyors aliens, conuentual, or other benefice or office, geuen by tittle of the kyng, did wyde by laches, or death of the sayde ppyor, and other occupiers, that then (during the warres) honest persons Englyshe, shoulde be put therein. in the place of them, to accompythe diuine service, and none of the enemies aforesayde. And yet notwithstanding the said ordinaunce, the said aliens french men, by euil imagination & brogare, to continue the euill mischeefes of the said ordinaunce, did purchase letters patents of the king to be Denizens and lieges to the kyng, and so sweare to continue the same, to the intet

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to occupy and enjoy the sayde benefices, and by that meanes did occupy great number of benefices, agaynst the sayde ordinance, by meanes wherof, the aliens french were increased, to the diminishing of the subjectes of the kyng: and the treasure of the kyng and the Realme, dyd cary out of this Realme, and the counsell of the kyng did discover to the enemies of fraunce, to the great damage of the kyng and the Realme. For remedie wherof, at a Parliament holden at Westmynster, the first yere of the raigne of the most worthy prince of famous memorie, kyng Henry the fyft, the same kyng considering the mischeefes aforesayd, by the authoritie of the same Parliament, willed that the sayd ordinance shoulde be safely holden and kept, and put in due execution, (certayne Pryor aliens excepted) and that they shoulde put in suertie, not to discover, nor cause to be discovered, the counsell nor the secretes of the Realme. And where sithence the making of the sayde Actes of Parliament, sundry other good lawes and Actes have ben made, as well in the tyme of kyng Rycharde the thyrde, as in the tyme of kyng Henry the eyght, in whiche actes, it is provided, limited, ordeyned, and declared, vnder what sorte the sayde aliens, and every of them, shoulde vse them selues within this Realme.

And where also by one Acte of Parliament made at Westmynster, in the two and thirti yere of the raigne of the said late kyng Henry the eyght, it was enacted, amongst other things conteyned in the sayde act, that al maner of straungers, bozne out of his graces obeysaunce, whiche before that tyme were made Denizens, or that after that shoulde be made Denizens, from & after the first day of September then next commyng, shoulde be bounden, and be obedient, by, and vnto al the aforesayde actes and statutes, made in the fyfthe yere of the sayde kyng Rycharde the thirde, & in the fourtieth, and one and twentieth yeres of the sayde kyng Henry the eyght, and to all the contentes of the same, and to all other actes & statutes of this Realme before that tyme made, or from hencefoorth to be made. And that also in all and every letters patentes, of, or for any Denizen, from and after the lasse daye of the same Parliament, so holden in the sayde two and thirtieth yere, to be made to any stranger, not being bozne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, there shoulde be conteyned in every suche letters patentes, a promise that he or they to whom suche letters patentes shalbe made and graunted, shoulde be bounden & be obedient, by and vnto al the actes and statutes of this Realme, as is aforesayde, and to al and every the contentes of the same, as by the same actes more playnely it doth and may appeare.

Yet sithence the making of the sayde severall actes, a great number and multitude of the frenche nation, have arpyed into this Realme, as well neare to the sea syde, as els where, and vnder a fayned, false, and vntreue promise or oth of alegiance and fayth, promised to be by them bozne

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borne to this Realme, they haue of late yeeres, sithence the saide two & thirtie yeere of the raigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, by sinister and vndue meanes, obteyned diuers and sundry seuerall letters patentes, whereby they be made Denizens, and by force thereof, doo enjoy the liberties and priuiledges of this Realme, and yet contrary to the true meanyng of the sayde letters patentes, in their conditions and behauiours they do remayne frenche, and dayly from tyme to tyme, do discouer the counsell, state, and priuies of this Realme, and compass, imagine, and procure sundry mischeefes and damage to be done by the frenche nation to this Realme, contrary to the sayde actes of Parliament, and contrary to theyr sayd letters patentes, and the prouiso conteyned in the same.

For remedye whereof, and for the auoyding of the imminent peryll that for want of due prouidence may ensue to your most royal person, (whiche our Lorde God long preserue to raigne ouer vs) and to this your hyghnesse Realme, by the malitious and secrete practises of the sayde Denizens, we most humbly beseeche your most excellent Maiestie, to haue vigilant care, and tender consideration of your owne quertie, and preseruacion of this your Realme: and hauing good and sure experience of your accustomed honourable & merciful disposition and inclination, do also most humbly beseeche the same, that by your royall assent, it may be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that al frenche men, and all and euery other person and persons, borne in anye place beyonde the Seas, whiche at the tyme of the byrth of anye suche person or persons, was vnder the frenche kynges obeyssaunce, not beyng Denizens, other then suche as the kyng and queenes highnesse, or the queene onely shall specially licence, limit, and appoynt to remayne within this Realme, shal depart out of this Realme, and out and from the dominions and territories of the same, there to remayne and continue, without returne into this Realme, during the tyme and continuance of the warres betweene the frenche kyng, and our soueraigne Ladye the Queene, or her heyres, or successors. And that our soueraigne Lorde and Ladye, the Kyng and the Queene, or her hyghnesse onely, by the auctoritie of this Acte, by theyr letters patentes vnder the great seale of Englands, shall and may haue full power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme, during the lyfe of the queenes hyghnesse (whom almyghtie God long prosper and continue) after offence found, or other due prooffe of the misdeemeanour of any such Denizen, committed contrary to the lawes of this realme, to repeale and make voyde al and singular letters patentes, or as many of them as to her highnesse shall seeme good, made sithence the sayd two and thirtieth yeere of the raigne of kyng Henry the eyght, to anye alien or straunger borne frenche, and vnder the obeyssaunce of the frenche kyng, concernyng onely the making of suche alien or straunger

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straunger Denizen, the same letters patentes of repeale, to be proclaymed and bled in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to say, that every such letters patentes of repeale, shal contayne the names and surnames of every suche alien straunger, whose letters patentes shal so be repealed, and shalbe solemnely and openly read and proclaymed in the Kyng and Queenes Courte of Chauncerie, betweene the houres of nyne and alevyn before noone, one day in any one terme to be kept at Westmynster, and in suche, and as manye tearmes and Counties of this Realme, as shalbe limited, or appoynted, or otherwyle seeme meete to the Queenes Maiestie at any tyme hereafter, duryng her highnesse sayde lyfe, and that all and every suche letters patentes, to be repealed in maner and fourme aforesayde, from, and immediatly after. xxx. dayes next ensuinge suche repeale, shal, touchyng onely the makynge of suche alien or straunger Denizen, be voyde and of none effect, and not before.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that suche aliens and straungers Denizens, whose patentes the Queenes highnesse hereafter shal fortune to allowe or confyrme, or whom her highnesse shall licence to remaine and tary in this Realme, shalbe bounde to the kyng and queenes Maiesties by recognisaunce, not to discover, nor cause to be discovered the counsell, nor the secretes of this Realme, and further to be bounde and obedient vnto and by the lawes and statutes of the same, and yf any suche alien borne frenche, and vnder the obeisaunce of the french kyng, as is aforesayde, shal refuse to knowledege any such recognisaunce, that then the sayde confirmation, allowance, and licence, shalbe voyde and of none effect.

Provided alwayes, that yf any suche alien, as is aforesayde, shall have purchased any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of any estate of inheritauce within this Realme, sithens the tyme that he was made Denizen: or that any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes within this Realme were geuen to any suche alien, of any estate of inheritauce, by any letters patentes, or in the same letter patentes whereby he was made Denizen: that the same manour, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, after the deceasse of suche alien, whose letters patentes of makynge Denizen, shalbe as is aforesayde repealed, shal and may discende, remaine, or come vnto suche his heir or heyres, as ben borne within this Realme, and as be inheritable to the same, or to suche other person or persons as shoulde, by the lawes of this Realme, have and enjoye the same, (or any part therof) yf this acte or no suche repeale had ben made in such maner and fourme, as though no suche repeale were had or made: the same repeale, or any thing in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that it shalbe lawfull to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, immediatly from and after the departure of every

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every suche Denizen out of this Realme, to receyue and take the cleare ycerely issues, reuenues, and profites of al suche manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, fees, annuities, and hereditamentes, whereof any such Denizen were leased, or had at the time of this acte, or at the tyme of his departure out of this Realme, as is aforesayde. for and during the lyfe of every suche Denizen, in as ample and large maner and fourme, and in suche quantitie, condition, and degree, as anye suche Denizen might lawfully haue receyued and taken at the time of the making of this present acte, and not otherwyle: any thyng in this acte conterned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An acte to make vp the Iurie

with circumstantibus, where the King and Queenes Maiesties,
or the Queenes Maiestie is a partie.

The.vii. Chapter.



Here in the Parliament holde at Westminister, the.xiiii. day of Januarie, in the xxxv. yere of the raigne of the most noble and victorious prince king Henry the eyght, late kyng of Englande, amongst other thynges it was enacted and established, for the speedie tryall of issues ioynded betweene partie and partie, in anye of the kynges courtes of recorde holden at Westminister, to be tryed by the verdict of twelue men, before the Iustices of Assise, or nisi prius, that in

every writ of habeas corpora, or distringas, with a nisi prius, deliuered of the record to the Sheriffe or other minister or ministers to who the making of the returne shall apperteine, where a full Jury shal not appeare before the Iustices of assise, or nisi prius, or els where, after apparaunce of a full Jury, by chalenge of any of the parties, the Jury is lyke to remayne bntaken for default of the Jurours: that then the same Iustices, upon request made by the parties playntiefe or demaundaunt, shal haue aucthoritie by vertue of the sayd acte, to commaunde the Sheriffe or other minister or ministers, to whom the making of the said returne shal apperteine, to name and appoint as often as neede shal require, so many of such other able persons of the sayd Countie then present at the sayde assises, or nisi prius, as shal make by a full Jury, w^{ch} the persons so to be named and impanelled by

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by suche Sheriffe or other minister or ministers, shalbe added to the former pannel, and their names annexed to the same, as by the sayde acte moze at large appeareth, whiche statute was made to endure tyll the ende of the next Parliament, and after was and is from tyme to tyme continued, and doth now remayne, stande, and be in effect, whiche acte doth not extende to any Iurie impannelled, to trye an issue toynd betweene the kyng and the partie, or betweene suche as pursue anye matter for the kyng and them selues.

Be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and established by the kyng and queenes Maiesties, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that from and after the first day of June next comming, the Justices of assise, and nisi prius, before whom any tryal shalbe made, by vertue of any writ of habeas corpora or distringas with a nisi prius, where a full Iurie shal not appeare, or after apperaince of a full Iurie, by challenge the Iurie is lyke to remayne vntaken, for defaulte of Jurours, shall haue auctoritie by vertue of this Acte, vpon request made for the kyng and Queene, her heyres, or successours, by any auctorized thereunto, or assigned by the Justices of the Courte, before whom the sayd enquest shalbe taken, or vpon request to be made by the partie that foloweth, as well for the kyng and queene, her heyres, and successours, as for him selfe, vpon any penal statute, or hi so or theyr Atturney, to commaunde the Sheriffe, or other minister or ministers, to whom the making of the sayde returne shal apperteyne, to name and appoynt, so often as neede shall requyre, so many of suche other hable persons of the sayde Countie then present at the sayd assises, or nisi prius, and to adde and annex the names to the former panell, as shall make by a full Jury of twelue men, for the tryall of euery suche issue. And that all and euery clause, sentence, article, and prouiso, comprised in the sayde former acte, shalbe taken, interpreted, and expounded, to geue the like and the same aduantage and commoditie to the kyng and queenes Maiesties, her heyres, and successours, and all suche person and persons as shal pursue any action, byl, playnt, or information, for the kyng and queenes Maiesties, her heyres, and successours onely, or for them and the partie, as the partie playntiefe in any other action shoulde or myght haue by vertue of the sayde acte, in suche fourme and condition, to all intentes and purposes, as if suche actions or suites for the kyng had ben specially and perticulerly mentioned and declared in the sayde Acte.

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An act for the punishment of

suche as shal take away maydens that be inheritours, being within the age of.xvi.yeeres, or that mary them without the consent of theyr parentes,

The.viii.Chapter.



Where maydens and women chyldren, of noble men, gentlemen, and others, as wel such as be heyres apparent to their auncesters, as others havyng lease vnto them by their father, or other auncester and freendes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, or other great substantces in goodes and catelles moueable, for and to the intent to aduance them in mariage some what like, accordyng to theyr degrees, and as myght be mooste for theyr suertie and comfort, as well for them selues, as of al other theyr freendes and kynnsfolkes, be often tymes vnawares to their sayde freendes or kynnsfolkes, by flatterie, cryslyng gyftes, and sayre promyses of many brythytie and lyght personages, and thereto by the entreatie of persons of lewde demeanour, and others that for rewarde bye and sel the sayd maydens and chyldren, secretly assured and wonne to contract matrimonie with the sayde brythytie and lyght personages, and thereupon epyther with slight or force, oftentymes be taken and conueighed away from their sayde parentes, freendes, or kynnsfolkes, to the high displeasure of almyghtie God, dispargement of the sayde chyldren, and the extreme continual heauinesse of al their freendes: whiche vngodly dealing, for lacke of wholesome lawes to the redresse thereof, remaineth a great famillier and common myscheefe in this our common wealth.

For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the kyng and queenes Maiesties, the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that it shal not be lawfull to any person or persons, to take or conueigh away, or cause to be taken or conueighed away, any mayde or woman chyld unmarried, beyng within the age of sixteene yeeres, out of, or from the possession, custodie, or gouernaunce, and agaynst the wyl of the father of suche mayde or woman chyld, or of suche person or persons to whom the father of suche mayde or woman chyld, by his laste wyl and testament, or by any other act in his lyfe time, hath or shal appoint, assigne, bequeath, geue, or graunt the order, keeping, education, or gouernaunce of suche mayde or woman chyld, excepte suche taking and conueying

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conueying away, as shalbe had, made, or done, by, or for suche person or persons, as wthout fraude or couyn, be, or then shalbe the maister or maistresse of such maide or woman chyld, or the gardiane in soccage, or gardiane in cheualry, of, or to such mayde or woman chyld.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye person or persons aboue the age of . xiiii. yeeres, shal from and after the fyrst daye of Apryll next comming, vnlawfully take or conueygh, or cause to be taken or conueighed, any maide or woman child bnnaryed, beyng within the age of. xvi. yeeres, out of, or from the possession, and agaynst the wyl of the father or mother of such chyld, or out, or from the possession, and agaynst the wyl of suche person or persons as then shal happen to haue by anye lawfull wayes or meanes, the order, keepyng, education, or gouernauce of anye suche mayde or woman chyld: that then euery suche person and persons (so offendyng) beyng therof lawfully attaynted or conuicted by the order and due course of the lawes of this Realme, other then suche of whom suche person taken away, shal holde any landes or tenementes by knyghtes seruitce, shal haue and suffer imprisonment of his or theyr bodies by the space of two whole yeeres without bayle or maynepryse, or els shal paye such fine for his or theyr sayde offence, as shalbe assessed by the counsaile of the queenes hyghnesse, her heires, or successours, in the Starre Chamber at Westmynster.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye suche person or persons, after the sayde day, shal so take away, or cause to be taken away, as is aforesayde, and deflower anye suche mayde or woman chyld, as is aforesayde, or shal agaynst the wyl or vnknowyng' of or to the father of anye suche mayd or woman chyld, (if the father be in lyfe,) or agaynst the wyl or vnknowyng' of or to the mother of anye suche mayde or woman chyld (haueing the custodie and gouernauce of suche chyld, yf the father be dead) by secrete letters, messages, or by other wyse, contract matrimonie with anye suche mayden or woman chyld, excepte suche contractes of matrimonie as shalbe made by the consent of suche person or persons, as by the title of wardship shal then haue or be entituled to haue the mariage of suche mayde or woman chyld: that then euery suche person or persons so offendyng, being therof lawfully conuicted, as is aforesayde, shal suffer imprisonment of his or their bodies by the space of fyue yeeres, without bayle or maynepryse, or els shal paye such fine for his or theyr sayde offence, as shalbe assessed by the sayde counsaile in the sayde Starre Chamber. The one moitie of al which fines, shalbe to the king and queenes Maiesties, her heires, and successours, the other moitie to the parties greued.

And be it further enacted by the sayde aucthoritie, that the kyng and Queenes hyghnesse honourable counsaile of the Starre Chamber, by

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by byl of complaynt, or information, and Iustices of Assise by inquisition, or indictment, shall haue aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, to heare and determine the sayd offences, vpon euery which indictmentes and inquisitions. suche processe shalbe awarded and lye, as vpon an indictment of trespassse at the common lawe.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye woman chyld, or mayden, beyng aboue the age of twelue yeeres, and vnder the age of sixteene yeeres, do at any tyme consent or agree to such person, that so shal make any contract of matrimonie, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this statute, that then the next of the kynne of the same woman chyld or mayd, to whom the inheritance should descend, returne, or come, after the deceasse of the same woman chyld and mayd, shal from the tyme of such assent and agreement, haue, hold, and enjoy, al such lands, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as the same woman chyld and mayden, had in possession, reuersion, or remainder, at the tyme of suche assent and agreement, during the life of such person that shal so contracte matrimonie: and after the deceasse of suche person so contracting matrimonie, that then the sayde landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, shal descend, reuert, remaine, and come to suche person or persons, as they should haue done in case this acte had neuer ben had ne made, other then to him onely that so shal contract matrimony.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal extende to take away or dimynishe anye libertie, custome, or aucthoritie, touchyng, or concernyng any Ouphant or Ouphantes, whiche now be, or hereafter shalbe, within the Citie of London, or any other Citie, Borough, or Towne, where Ouphantes are commonly vsed to be provided for, eyther by graunt, or by custome, but that the lord Maior of the said Citie of London, and the Aldermen of the same for the tyme being, and al and euery other head officer or officers, of any other Citie, Borough, or Towne, where suche Ouphantes be provided for, shal and may haue and take like rule, order, keepyng, and charge of such Ouphant and Ouphantes, and of al theyr landes, tenementes, goods, and cattelles, as heretofore they, or any of them lawfully had or vsed, or lawfully might haue had and vsed, yf this acte had not ben made.

An acte for the conti-

nuation of certayne statutes.

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Here in the Parliament begunne and holden at London, the thirde day of Nouember, in the one and twentie yeere of the raigne of our most dread soueraigne lorde of mosse famous memory kyng Henry the eyght, and from thence

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adourned to Westmynster, and there holden and continued by dyuers prozocations vnto the dissolution thereof, one acte was made and established for the restraynt of carpage and conueying of horses and mares out of this Realme. And also one other acte was there made for the true wyndyng of wols: and one other act was there made to restraine kyllyng of wainlynges, Bullockes, Stiers, and heifers, beyng vnder the age of two yeeres: whiche sayde seuerall actes, were then made to endure and continue vnto the next parliament, as by the sayde seuerall actes more playnely appeareth.

And where also in the same parliament, one other act was made and established for attayntes, to be sued for the punishment of perjury vpon vntrue verdictes: whiche act and last before rehearsed, was then made ordeined to continue & endure vnto the last day of the next parliament, as by the same act more playnely at large is shewed and may appeare.

And where also in the parliament beguine and holden at Westmynster the eyght day of June, in the eyght and twentieth yeeere of the raigne of our sayde most dread soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept vntyl the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted, that al and synguler the sayde actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept, vntyl the last day of the next parliament, as by the same act amongst other thynges therein conteyned, more playnely appeareth.

And where also in the parliament begun and holden at Westmynster the eyght and twentieth day of Apryll, in the one and thirtieth yeeere of the raigne of our sayde late most dread soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, and there continued vntyll the eyght and twentieth day of June then next folowing, it was ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of the same parliament, that all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and al clauses, articles, and proouisions in them and euery of them conterned, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntyll the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte amongst other thynges therein conteyned, more playnely appeareth.

And where in the parliament holden at Westmynster, in the fyue and thirtieth yeeere of the raigne of our sayde late soueraigne Lord kyng Henry the eyght, one acte was made for the preservation of woods, to endure for seuen yeeeres then next folowing, and from thence to the ende of the next Parliament, as by the same acte more playnely it doth and may appeare. And where also at the Parliament holden at Westmynster, in the seuen and thirtieth yeeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted, that al and synguler the sayde actes aboue mentioned, and euerye of them,

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them (except the sayde acte made for the preservations of woods, as is aforesayde) shoulde continue and endure in theyr force and strength, and also be observed and kept bntyl the laste daye of the next Parliament, then next folowynge, as by the same acte amongst other thynges therein conterned, more playnely appeareth.

And where also at the session of the Parliament ended at Westmynster the fourteenth day of Marche, in the thirde yeere of the raigne of our late soueraigne lord hyng Edward the first, one acte was made for the true currying of leather: whiche acte was made to endure to the ende of the next Parliament, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth.

And where also at the session of a Parliament ended at Westmynster, the first day of february, in the fourth yeere of the raigne of our sayde late soueraigne lord hyng Edward the first, one act was then and there made concernynge the bying of rother beastes, and also one other acte was then and there made, touchynge the buying and sellynge of Butter and Cheese: whiche sayde seuerall actes was then and there made, to endure and continue vnto the ende of the next Parliament, as by the same seuerall actes moze at large it doth and may appeare.

And where also at the session of a Parliament by prorogation holden at Westmynster, the xxiii. day of January, in the fyfth yeere of the raigne of our sayde late soueraigne lord hyng Edward the sixth, one other acte was then and there made, agaynst regratours, and forestallers, to endure vnto the ende of the next parliament: whiche al and singular the sayde actes aboue mentioned, together with the sayde acte for the preservation of woods, at a parliament holden at Westmynster the first day of Marche, in the seventh yeere of the raigne of our sayd soueraigne lord hyng Edward the sixth, and there continued and dissolved the last day of the same moneth of March, and al clauses, articles, and provisions in them, and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued and continued, to stande in theyr force and strength, bntyl the last day of the next parliament.

And where also at the session of a parliament holden by prorogation at Westmynster, the xxiii. day of October, in the first yeere of the raigne of our moste gracious soueraigne lady the queenes Maiestie, and there continued and kept bntyl the dissolution thereof, one act was there made and establyshed, agaynst vnlawful & rebellious assemblies, to endure to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same acte moze playnely it doth and may appere.

And where also at the same session of parliament last before mentioned, all and singular the actes aboue mentioned, and before that tyme continued at sundry parlamentes, as is aforesayd, and all clauses, articles, and provisions in them, and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued and continued to stand in their force and strength vnto the last

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day of the next parliament.

And where also at a parliament begun and holden at Westmynster, the twelfth day of November, in the fyfte and seconde peeres of the taignes of our moste gracious soueraigne lord and ladye the kyng and queenes Maiesties, and there continued and kept vnto the dissolution of the same, beyng the sixteenth day of January then next ensuyng, one acte was then and there made against seditious words & rumors, to endure to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same acte more playnely it doth and may appeare.

And where also in the said parliament last before resided, al & singuler the actes aboue mentioned, that were before that tyme continued at sundrye parliamentes, as is aforesayd, and al clauses, articles, and provisions in them, and euery of them conteyned, were by auctoritie of the sayde parliament, there reuiued and continued, to stande in theyr force and strength, vnto the last day of the next parliament.

And where at a parliament begun and holden at Westmynster, the one and twentieth day of October, in the seconde and thirde peeres of the raignes of our aforesayde soueraigne lord and ladye the kyng and queenes Maiesties, and there continued vntyll the dissolution of the same, beyng the nienth day of December then next ensuyng, one acte was then and there made for the keepyng of misch kyne, and for the breedynge and rearyng of calves: and one other acte for the reedifyng of decayed houses of husbandrye, and for the increase of tyllage, the sayde thre seuerall actes to endure tyl the last day of the next parliament.

Forasmuche as al and singuler the sayde seuerall actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficial for the common wealth of this Realme: be it therfore enacted, ordeined, and established by the king and queenes Maiesties, our soueraigne Lord and Ladye, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that al and singuler the sayde seuerall actes and estatutes aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and euery of them, and al clauses, articles, and provisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and endure in theyr full force & strength, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept in al thynges, vntyll the last day of the next parliament.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this present acte of continuance of statutes, or anye thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extende to repeale or make voyde one acte of parliament, entituled, An acte for the sale of diuers wines, and spces, brought in by merchautes, made and ordeined in this present parliament, nor any clause, article, or matter therein conteyned, but that the same acte, and euery thyng therein conteyned, shalbe of as good strength, force, and effecte, to all intentes and purposes,

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as yf this acte of continuance of statutes had not ben had or made: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And where in the Parliament begun and holden at westminster, the .xxi. day of October, in the seconde and thirde yeeres of the raignes of our sayde soueraigne Lorde and Ladye, King Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued and kept vntyl the ninth day of December then next ensuyng, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the reliefe of the poore, the sayde acte to endure to the latter ende of the first session of the next Parliament. Forasmuch as the sayde acte is good & beneficiall for the common wealth of this Realme, be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, and established by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde acte last aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and al clauses, articles, and prouisions in the same conteyned, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and endure in ful force and strength, to all intentes and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept in al thynges, vntyl the last day of the next Parliament.

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of the subsidie of the Cleargie.

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Here the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, haue most louingly & liberally for certayne considerations, geue & graunted to the king & queenes Maiesties, a subsidie of eyght shillings of the pound, to be taken and leuied of all and singuler the spirituall promotions, within the same prouince, during the tearme of foure yeeres now next ensuyng, in such certayne maner & fourme, & with diuers exceptions & prouisions, specified & conteyned in a certayne instrument by them therof made,

and deliuered to the Queenes hyghnesse, vnder the seale of the most reuerende father in God, Reynald Poole, Cardinal, Archebysshop of Canterburie, and primate of al Englande, as in the same instrument exhibited in this present parliament, more playnely doth appearet: he tenor whereof ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, beyng lawfully congregated and assembled in a conuocation or synode, vpon great and weightie causes to them proposed, and amongst them well

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weighed and debated, considering theyr moste bounden dueties to the kyng and queenes Maiesties, the great and ample benefites they haue receyued of theyr munificencie, and bountifull goodnes, for an euident declaration of theyr good hartes and myndes, specially now, when the imminent necessitie for the defence of this Realme requireth present aide and remedie, with one vniforme agreement, accomde, and consent together, with moste hartie good wyl, haue geuen and graunted, and by these presentes do geue and graunt to the kyng and Queenes Maiesties, one entire subsidie, in maner & fourme folowynge. That is to say, that euery Archbyshop, Byshop, Abbot, Pryor, Abbatell, or Pryorresse, Deane, Archdeacon, Prebendarie, Priorost, maister of Colledge, maister of hospitalles, Parson, or Vicar, and euery other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name and degree he or they be, enioynng anye spiritual promotion, or other temporall possessions to the same spiritual promotions annexed, now not diuided nor separated by acte of parliament, or other wyse, from the possession of the Cleargie, shal paye vnto the kyng and queenes Maiesties, for euery pounce that he or they may yeerely dispend by reason of þe said spiritual promotion, the summe of eyght shyllinges: And for the true & certayne knowledge of the yeerely value of the sayde promotions, and euery of them, whereof payment shalbe made, the rate, taration, baluation, and estimation, remaynyng of recorde in the kyng and queenes Maiesties late courte of the fyfthe frutes and tenthes, and now in theyr courte of Exchequer, for the payment of the disme of the Cleargie, concernyng all suche promotions as be in possession of the Cleargie, or any other, not diuided by acte of parliament, or otherwise, as is aforesayde, shalbe folowed and obserued without makynge any other baluation, rate, taration, or estimation, then in the sayd recorde is comprised and mentioned.

And where by the great bountie and godly disposition of the kyng and queenes Maiesties, certayne religious houses, haue been of late erected and endowed with spirituall and temporall possessions, the tare whereof is not specified in the recordes of the Exchequer, or els where, within any of theyr Maiesties courtes, suche tare and baluation of the possessions of the sayde religious houses, shalbe folowed for the payment of this subsidie, as the Byshoppe of that Diocesse within the whiche the sayde religious houses be situated, shall vpon due searche and examination, certifie vnder his seale into the Exchequer, before the fyfthe day of May next ensuyng, in whiche tare, the sayde Byshoppe shal and may make al suche allowaunces, as by the acte of parliament, made in the fyre and twentieth yeere of the late kyng of famous memorie, Henry the eyght, of and for the grauntyng of the perpetual tenth, were appoynted, graunted, and assigned in the baluation and tare of all Ecclesiastical and spiritual promotions, for the due and true payment of the late perpetuall tenth: and also shall and may

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may further allowe all suche summes of money, as are geuen, assigned, or appoynted to the fyndyng and mayntenaunce of poore men, scoole-masters, Maisters, Gramarians, Choristers, and other officers and ministers, seruing and founde within the sayde Monasteries, and religious houses.

Provided alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenth parte of the sayde valuation and tare afoze mentioned, shalbe for a tyme, vpon certayne reasonable considerations and respectes, peereley payde by the Cleargie, so that there remayneth only nine partes to the incumbent cleare, this subsidie of eyght shyllinges of the pounde, shalbe vnderstande and meant only of the sayde nine partes, and of no more, where, and so long as the tenth is or shalbe payde.

Also the sayd Prelates and Cleargie further do graunt, that this subsidie of eyght shyllinges of the pounde, of the peereley value of euery promotion, taxed, as is aforesayde, shalbe payde to the kyng and queenes Maiesties, within foure yerres next ensuyng the date hereof. That is to say, two shyllinges of euery pounde, in euery of the sayde foure peeres.

The first payment thereof to be due at the fyue and twentieth day of March, which shalbe in the yeere of our lord God, a thousand, fyue hundred, fiftie, and eyght: and the seconde payment thereof, to be due at the fyue and twentieth day of Marche then next folowynge, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God, a thousand, fyue hundred, fiftie, and nine. The thirde payment thereof, to be due the fyue and twentieth day of Marche then next folowynge, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God, a thousand, fyue hundred, and sixtie.

And the fourth and last payment thereof, to be due at the sayde fyue and twentieth day of Marche then next ensuyng, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God, a thousand, fyue hundred, sixtie and one, to be deliuered and payde, peereley, by suche person and persons as in this present graunt shalbe appoynted to haue the collection thereof, to be payde into the receipt of the kyng and queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or to such person or persons, place and places, to whom, and where it shall please theyr hyghnesse to appoynt for the receipt thereof, before, or at the tenth day of June, in euery of the sayde foure peeres, without paying any thyng to the receauer, or receyuers, or to any other officer or person, by theyr Maiesties to be assigned, for any discharge, acquittance, or Quietus est, vpon payment and receipt of the same subsidie to be geuen and deliuered, but only twelue pence for the acquittance.

Item, the sayde Prelates and Cleargie do also graunt, that euerye prieste, & al other spirituall persons, hauing a pension by reason of the dissolutio of any & late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chapels, Chauntries, fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitales, or of any other spirituall dignitie, and corporation, nowe dissolved and ertingwished within the sayde prouince of Canterburie, shal lyke wyse pay to theyr hyghnesse, eyght

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eight shillings of every pounde of the sayde pention, within the saide four peeres, at suche dayes and tymes as is before specified, and that for the sure and ascertayned payment thereof, deduction and retention of the sayde eyght shyllinges, shalbe made yeerely in the handes of the payers of the sayd pention, after the rate of two shyllinges of the pound euery of the sayd four peeres, to be deliuered and payde vnto their Maiesties vse, at suche tyme, and to suche persons, as the subsidie of eyght shyllinges of the pounde aforesayde shalbe payde vnto.

Item, that euery stipendarie prieste, receyving annuall stipende of eyght pounde by the yeere, and vnder, (beyng no perpetuities) within the sayde prouince, shall paye vnto the Maiesties vse, sixe shyllinges eight pence yeerely, duryng the sayde four peeres, at suche tyme, and to suche persons, as the sayde subsidie shalbe payde, and vnder the same penalties, as the rest of the Cleargie do pay for the Maiesties promotions. And that euery priest, receyving aboue eyght pounde yeerely, and not aboue ten pounde, to paye lyke wyse ten shyllinges. And that euery prieste receyving aboue tenne poundes, and not aboue twentie markes, to paye thirteene shyllinges four pence yeerely, duryng the sayde four peeres, at suche tyme, and to suche persons, as the sayde subsidie shalbe payde. And that euery priest, takyng stipende aboue twentie markes, to paye lyke wyse two shyllinges of the pounde euery yeere, duryng the sayde four peeres, in suche maner and fourme, as the rest of the Cleargie do paye for the Maiesties promotion spirituall: and for default or lacke of payment by the said stipendaries, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spiritual or temporal person, proprietarie or farmour, hyring any priest to serue in any place, shalbe answerable for the payment of the sayde priest in that behalfe, after the sayd rates, and shal & may make retention of his & their wages quarterly, of so much as the sayde stipendaries be charged with, by this present commission and graunt, euery of the sayde four peeres.

Item, the sayde Prelates and Cleargie further do graunt, that euery Archbyschop and Byschop, and the see beyng vacant, euery Deane and Chapter of that see beyng, shalbe collectours of this subsidie, within the Maiesties proper Diocesse, duryng the sayde four peeres.

And to the intent the kyng and Queenes Maiesties may be surely and duely answered and payde of the sayde subsidie in maner and fourme aforesayde, and the Collectour of the same thoroughly charged, and discharged, accordyng to the tenor of this graunt:

The sayde Prelates and Cleargie do ordeyne and decree, with one assent and consent, that euery Collectour of the aforesayde subsidie, and of euery part and parcel thereof, and the Maiesties lawfull deputie or deputies, shall haue full power and auctoritie agaynst euery person and persons lyable, charged and bounde to pay the sayde subsidie, or any parte thereof, denyng, refusyng, or delayng to paye the same, or may
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hying any default in the payment thereof, at the day or dayes that it ought to be payde (after lawfull warning to them geuen personall, or at their Churches or mansions) to proceede with the censures of the Church, that is to say, by suspension, excommunication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the frutes and profites of theyr benefices or promotions spiritual, in whose handes so euer they be, and to make sale of the same frutes, and by al other lawfull remedies by theyr discretions thought conuenient, to coarce, constrayne, & compel them, and euery of them, to the full and vndelayed satisfaction of the sayde subsidie, and euery part and parcel thereof: and shal also haue lyke power and auctoritie, both to absolve, or cause to be absolved, al persons so paying, from al the sayde censures and other paynes, and also to release and reuoke al suche processe as shalbe made agaynst them, or anye of them, after they shal haue fully satisfied the sayde subsidie accordingly: and vpon full payment or satisfaction of the sayde subsidie, or anye part thereof, al suche acquittaince or acquittainces, whiche shalbe made by the Collectour, or his lawfull deputie, shalbe sufficient for the discharge of the same.

It is ordeyned and decreed, that all and euery person and persons, refusing or neglecting to paye the sayde subsidie, at tyme conuenient, as is aforesayde, shal for his or theyr fyrste default or negligence, in not paying the subsidie according to the purporte and tenor of this graunt, beare al the charges and reasonable expences of the sayd Collectour or his deputie, in coming and going, and demanding of the same, & for the seconde tyme lyke wyse offending in none payment, to pay to the sayde Collectour, or his deputie, the fourth part of the sayde subsidie, ouer and aboue the sayde summe vpon hym, or his Church, or person, allotted and taxed, which he is bound to pay, and charged by this act of free graunt.

Also the sayde prelates and Cleargie do further ordeyne and decree, that yf any person or persons aboue named, chargeable to this subsidie, or anye parte thereof, after the sayde censures and processe executed agaynst hym or them, yet styll obstinately refuse, neglecte, or make delate to pay the same, or anye parte thereof, as is aforesayde, that then after lawfull admonition geuen vnto hym or them, refusing, neglecting, or delaying, by the sayde Collectours, or theyr lawfull deputie or deputies personall, or at theyr Churches, do styll by the space of thirtie dayes, refuse, or neglecte to make payment of the sayde subsidie: that then, and in euery suche case, it shalbe lawfull to the sayde Collectour, or his lawfull deputie, euery suche person so refusing, neglecting, or delaying, and contemning these former processe, to deprive, amoue, and destitute from his or theyr benefices, spiritual promotion, or pension Ecclesiasticall, any appellation, inhibition, or other remedie, ordinarie, or extraordinarie, notwithstanding: the sayde persons

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sons so refusing, to be and remaine for ever without hope of requeste to such thei promotion, as he or they shalbe depriued of for the causes aforesayde, by any newe presentation of hym or them to be made to the same: and that it shalbe lawfull to the patrone of the sayde benefice, or benefices, or other Ecclesiastical promotions, from whiche the sayde person or persons so neglectyng to pay shalbe depriued, to present vnto, or conferre every such benefice, or promotion spirituall, as yf the sayde Incumbent or incumbentes were deceased.

Item, the sayde prelates and Cleargie further do ordeyne and decree, that of so much as the said collectours shalbe charged within theyr accounts, clearly to be payde into the receipt of the sayde Erchequer, or to such person or persons as it shal please the kyng and queenes Majesties to appoynt for the receipt of the same, shalbe allowed to the sayde collectour vpon his sayde account for the same, for every pounce, fyre pence, by way of rewarde, or in lewe of his charges, collection, portage, conueying, and paying of the sayde subsidie.

Provided alwayes, that no spirituall promotion, or anye landes, possessions, or revenues, annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunt or acte of the province of Canterbury, or any goodes or cattels, growyng, being, or renuyng of the same, or apperteynyng to the owners of the same spirituall promotions, shalbe charged or made contributoie to any fyfteene, or any other subsidie already graunted, or within fyve yerres next ensuynge the date of this present, to be graunted by the laitie to the kyng and queenes highnesse.

Item, the sayde prelates & Cleargie further graunt, that al Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Prebendaries, preachers, and petie Canons, of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches, within the sayde province, shalbe charged with this subsidie for theyr owne portions only, therof to paye eyght shyllinges of the pounce, within the sayde foure yerres, as is aboue rehearsed, and that those portions of rentes and revenues, whiche theyr highnesse, or anye of theyr moste noble progenitours, or any other persons, haue geuen vnto the sayde Cathedrall or Collegiat Churches, for the mayntenaunce of poore men, scoolemaisters, blisbers, gramarians, Choristers, and other officers, and ministers, not to be charged with any part of this Subsidie.

Provided also, that every Parson, vicar, or spirituall man, paying any pension, whereof no allowaunce is made in the valuation of his sayde benefice in the recordes of the sayde late court of fyft frutes, or Erchequer, or otherwyle, shall and may retayne two shyllinges of every pounce, of every such pension every yeere, durynge the sayde foure yerres to his owne reliefe, in consyderation that he is charged to pay his subsidie of eyght shyllinges of the pounce, out of every pounce of the sayde pension: any thyng to the contrary, not withstanding.

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Þrouded also, that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pentiones, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, lately belongyng to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and other places Ecclesiasticall, within the sayde prouince of Canterbury, or any other peerehye paymentes, goyng out, or beyng payde out of the sayde landes, tenementes, or other the premisses, or anye of them, whiche were geuen and assigned to be bestowed, and spent, to, and vpon the syndyng and maintenance of certayne Chauntries, anniuersaries, obites, lightes, lampes and other like things, intentes, and purposes, be of late come into the handes and possession of the kyng and queenes Maiesties, our soueraigne lorde and ladye, by force of a statute thereof made in the first yeere of the raigne of our soueraigne lorde kyng Edward the syxte, as by the same statute more playnely appeareth: That the sayde Cathedrall Churches and the Deanes, or presidentes and Chapters of the same, and al other places and persons, to whom the sayde landes, rentes, and all other the premisses, or any of them, dyd lately apperteyne, shal not be charged to and with any contribution or payment of this subsidie, of and for that parte or portion, whereunto the kyng and queenes Maiesties be, and hath ben entituled, or possessed of, nor of, and for any the sayde yeerely paymentes, goyng out, or payde out of the premisses, or any part thereof: but that this sayde subsidie shal be vnderstande to be chargeable and due only, of all and synguler landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pentiones, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, whiche doo yet styll remaine not disseuered from the handes and possession of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other the places and persons aforesayde, and that deduction and allowaunce be made to them and euery of them, in the payment of the sayde subsidie, out of the valuation, taxation, and estimation, made for the payment of the sayde disme, remainyng of recorde in the kyng and queenes Maiesties court of the Exchequer, for that rate and portion, or yeerely payment whiche is come into the handes and possession, of our sayde soueraigne lorde and lady, or other wyse seuered from the possessions of the sayd Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persons aforesayde, by force of this statute premised.

Þrouded also, that euery Parson and vicar, whose benefice is aboue the valuation of fyue poundes, and not aboue sixe ponde thirteene shyllynges and foure pence, after the rate of the late perpetuall tenth, shal pay euery yeere of the sayde foure yerres onely, sixe shyllynges eyght pence, as stipendarie priestes of eyght ponde yeerely wages ben charged to do by force of this acte and graunt, and none other wyse: and that al Parsons and vicars, whose benefices be of the valuation of fyue pound or vnder, after the rate of the sayde late perpetual tenth, shal not be charged nor chargeable with this subsidie, or any parte thereof.

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Provided alwayes, that this subsidie graunted by the Cleargie, shal not be demanded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes or Colledge, situate & set within the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or of any benefice, or other reuenues, vnto any house of studentes, or Colledge in Oxford or Cambridge, vntied, appropriated, or apparteyning, or of the Colledge of Eaton, nigh Windsor, or of the Colledge of Wyndchester, founded by Wylliam Wyndham, sometyme Bishop of Wyndchester, or any poore men, women, or chyldren, lyving of almes, in any hospitalles, almes houses, almes halles, or of Grammer scooles, or of any other Church or benefice, or of any other reuenues of the sayde houses, Colledges, or Hospitalles, almes houses, or almes halles, or Grammer scooles, or to any of them, annexed, appropriated, or other wyse apparteyning.

Provided also, that euery Priest, and al other late professed religious persons, hauyng a pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappells, Chauntries, fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitalles, or any other incorporation, within the prouince of Canturburie, and beyng of the summe of fourtie shyllinges or vnder, and not aboue, shal not be charged or chargeable to the sayde subsidie, or any part therof, for any suche pension of fourtie shyllinges or vnder: any thing conteyned in this graunt to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Finally, the sayde Prelates and Cleargie, beyng desyrous that the sayde subsidie may be entyrelly contented and payde to the vse of the kyng and queenes Maiesties, within the sayde foure peeres, do graunt, ordeyne, and decree, that yf it shal happen in the ende of the sayde foure peeres, any arrearages of the sayde subsidie to be behynde vnpayde, by reason of the exilitie, and decay of any benefices, or other spirituall promotions, liable to this subsidie: That then it shalbe lawfull to euery Archbyschop and Byschoppe, within theyr seuerall Diocesse, by the consent of his Cleargie, and the See beyng voyde, to the Deane and Chapter of the See voyde, to assesse and take all and singuler the Ecclesiasticall promotions within theyr seuerall Diocesse, to become contributours to the full satisfaction of the sayde subsidie, the same to be collected, leuied, and payde, the next peere immediatly ensuyng the sayd fourth peere, at the dayes, and vnder the paynes, fourme, and qualites aboue limited: any thyng in this graunt to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And for the true and sure payment of this subsidie graunted by the sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canturburie, accordyng to the tenor, purporte, effecte, and true meanyng of this present instrument: the sayde Prelates and Cleargie moste humbly desyre and require the kyng and queenes moste excellent Maiesties, that it may be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the proui-

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prouisions conteyned in the foresayde graunt, shall stande good and effectual to all intentes and purposes, and mentioned in the said graunt. And that all processe and penalties, and all other clauses, touching the payme nt of the said Subsidie, and the leuying and collection of the same, and of euery parcell thereof, may be by the sayd Prelates and Cleargie, and their lawfull deputies, put in due execution, accordyng to the true meanyng thereof, without incurring any penalties or daungers of any lawes and statutes of this Realme.

And for the true and sure payment of the said Subsidie, graunted by the sayd Prelates and Cleargie of the sayd prouince of Canterbury, accordyng to the tenor, effect, & true meaning of the sayde instrument: Be it enacted by the King and Queenes Maiesties, with the assent of the Lordes spiritual and tempozal, & the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that the sayde gyfte and graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, prouision, clause, and sentence in the sayd instrument conteyned, be ratified, established, and confirmed, by the aucthoritie aforesayd.

And furthermore, be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that euery person that shalbe appoynted to the collection and gathering of the said Subsidie, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to leue, take, and perceaue the same Subsidie, by thaucthoritie of þ censures of the Church, in maner and fourme as in the said instrument of graunt is contained, without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse, vpon the possession of the farmours or occupiers of the landes and tenementes, chargeable by the sayd instrument, for, or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, or otherwyl, by the discretion of the Collectour thereof. And that no repleuie, prohibition, or superseas, shalbe allowed, or ohered for any person or persons mahyng defaulte of payment of the said Subsidie, contrary to the tenour of the grauntes thereof, until such tyme as they haue truly satisfied and contented all suche parte and portions, as to them in that behalfe apparteyneth. And that euery such farmour and farmours, their executours, and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof, shal by thaucthoritie aforesayd, be allowed and reteine in his handes, as much of his yeerely rent and farne, as the summe which he shall fortune to pay for his lord or lessor shal extende vnto, except the sayd farmour or farmours, their executours, & assignes, by the lease and graunt that they haue of any part of the landes and tenementes, chargeable to this sayde Subsidie, or by force of any couenaunt, or article therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to pay the same, and thereof to discharge their lessor and landlorde, during the terme mentioned in the sayd lease.

¶ Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that euery lay person hauyng a spirituall promotion chargeable

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chargeable by this acte, and also hauiing temporall possessions, goodes, cattelles, and debtes, chargeable to this Subsidie graunted by the temporaltie, shalbe charged, taxed, and set for his sayd spiritual promotions with the Cleargie, and for his sayd temporall possessions and cattelles with the temporaltie, and not otherwyle: any thing before mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Archbyschoppes, and Byschoppes, and other persons chargeable to and with the collection of the sayde Subsidie of eyght shyllinges of the pounce, within the sayd prouince of Canterbury, shal haue vpon euery payment thereof made in the Queenes courte of the Eschequer, or els where the King & Queenes Maiesties shall appoynt the same to be payde, a sufficient acquittaunce in wrytyng, of suche person or persons, as theyr Maiesties shal appoynt for the receipt thereof, the same acquittaunce witnessing the same receipt of as muche of the same summe of the same Subsidie, as shalbe by any of them so receaued, and euery such acquittaunce in wrytyng, sealed, and subscribed with the name or names of euery suche person or persons, that so by theyr byghnesses appoyntment shal receiue any of the sayd summes of money, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as if it were made by acte of Parliament. And that euery person and persons, which shall haue and receiue any such acquittaunce, shall pay but onely two pence, for euery of the same acquittauces.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery graunt and grauntes of al and euery summe and summes of money, which hereafter shalbe graunted to the King and Queenes maiesties by the cheargie of þe prouince of Dorke, shalbe of the same strength, force, and effect in all thynges, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde prouince of Canterburie, and shalbe taxed, certified, collected, leuied, and gathered, accordyng to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of this present acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in such maner, as though it were specially, playnely, and perticulerly expressed and rehearsed in this acte, by expresse wordes, tearmes, and sentences in theyr seuerall natures and kyndes.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all prouisoies before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayd graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, and the lyke or the same prouisions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Dorke, shalbe good and effectuell, and to be obserued and kept in euery poynt and article, accordyng to the true purporre and meanyng of the same.

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¶ **W**he the Kyng and Quenes Maiesties most humble, saythfull, and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, calling to our remembraunce the great and manifold charges, whiche theyr graces haue already susteyned, by the reason of this present warre that theyr hyghnesse haue had, and yet haue, agaynst the french kyng and Scottes, the auncient enemies of this Realme, and perceauyng also, that the malice of the same french kyng & Scottes are such, that they haue and dayly do practyse by al dishonourable wayes & meanes, with the ayde & power of all theyr confederacies and allies, to annoy theyr Maiesties, and this their Realme, and other the dominions of the same, and by all lykehoode, yf oportunitie of tyme and place so permit, doo mynd to make some inuasion into sundry partes of this Realme, as well bypon the Sea coast, as els where, whiche yf it shoulde happen, woulde be no small annoyauce, as well to theyr Maiesties, as to the whole estate of this Realme. For the wyse preuention and resistance whereof (least any suche shoulde happen to be attempted) theyr highnesse shalbe enforced, not only to maynteyne a conuenient number and nauie of shippes bypon the narrowe seas, but also a great power & number of souldiers, to continue in diuers and sundry partes of the borders and frontiers of this Realme, redy prepared to all purposes, to resist all suche malicious attemptes or inuasions, and to defende the libertie and honour thereof, whiche can not be put in order and redynesse, without great summes of money, to be defrayed and employed for the same. And furthermore, considering that the same shall not only be for the suretie of theyr Maiesties persons (whom we pray to God may long raigne ouer vs) and lyke wyse for the suretie of this Realme, and theyr Maiesties louyng subiectes of the same, but also may be a great terrour, feare, and discourage to the sayd french kyng and Scotts, and all theyr confederates, and allies, to attempt any suche inuasion or other enterprise: Haue graunted vnto our sayde soueraigne Lady, her heyres and successours, one Subsidie, and fyftee and tenth, to be tared, rated, and leuied, of our goodes, cattelles, landes, and tenementes, in maner

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and fourme, as hereafter in this present acte is limited and conteyned. And albeit that we double nbe but, that our sayde most gracious soueraigne Lord and Lady assure them selues, that we they? gracious most louing Subiectes, know the same to be farre vnder the charges which they? Maiesties are lyke to susteyne in this behalfe.

Yet neuerthelesse, we most humbly beseeche they? highnesse to accept this our gyft, as a declaration of our true and most faythfull hartes, who be, & by Gods assistance alwayes shalbe, by all wayes & meanes, and in all respectes, redy to serue with all conformitie and obedience, for the preservation of they? most roiall persons, and defence and libertie of this they? Maiesties Realme and dominions, as to the duetie of good and obedient Subiectes apperteyneth.

we herefore we the sayd Lordes & Commons, for the great and brgent considerations aforesayd, by one whole assent, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, do geue and graunt to our sayd soueraigne Lady the Queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, to wardes the sayd great costes and inestimable charges, one whole fifteene & tenth, to be payde, taken, and leuied of the moueable goodes, cattels, & other thinges vsual to such fifteene and tenth, to be contributorye and chargeable within the Shyres, Cities, Borowghes, Townes, & other places of this they? Maiesties Realme, in maner and fourme aforesayd, except the summe of sixe thousand pound thereof fully to be deducted of & summe that one whole fifteene and tenth attayneth vnto, in reliefe, comfort, and discharge of the pooze Cities, Townes, and Borowghes, of this her sayd Realme, wasted, desolate, or destroyed, or ouergreatly impouerished, after such rate, as was and hath afore this time ben had and made vnto euery Shyre, and to be deuided in such maner & fourme, as heretofore for one whole fifteene and tenth, hath ben had and deuided.

And the sayd one whole fifteene and tenth, the exceptions and deductions aforesayd, therevpon had, deducted, and allowed, to be payde in maner and fourme folowing: that is to say, the whole fifteene & tenth, to be payde to her assignes in the receipt of her highnesse Eschequer, before the tenth day of Nouember next commyng.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the Knightes elected and returned, of, and for the Shyres within this Realme, for this present parliament, Citizens of Cities, and Burgesles of Borowghes and Townes, where collectors haue ben vsed to be named and appoynted for the collection of any fifteene and tenth before this time graunted, shall name and appoynt before the last day of August next commyng, sufficient and able persons for the collection of the sayd fifteene and tenth, in euery of the sayde Shyres, Cities, Borowghes, & Townes, the sayd persons then hauing landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his owne ryght, of an estate of inheritance of the yeerely value of tenne poundes, or in goodes worth one hundredth

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hundredth poundes at the least. And also such person or persons, so by them to be named and appoynted for the collection of the sayde fifteene and tenth, shalbe by them severally appoynted, and allotted into Hundredes, Rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes. And also the sayd persons so named & appoynted for the collection of the same fifteene and tenth, shalbe charged and chargeable vnto his or theyr account or accomptes in the Eschequer to be made, with all such summe or summes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they shall so happen to be appoynted, amount vnto, and of no more summe or summes.

And vpon the payment of such summes of money as he shalbe charged with, shalbe discharged and haue his *quicquid est*, the none accompting, or none payment of any other his felowes, or the insufficiencie of them or any of them, notwithstanding. And the names and surnames of euery of the sayd Collectours for the sayd fifteene and tenth, together with the place allotted to theyr collection & charge, the sayde Knightes, Citizens, and Burgesles, for the Shyres, Cities, & Boroughes, where vnto they be elected, named, and returned, shall certifie before the King and Queene in theyr Chauncery, before the thirtieth day of October now next folowynge, accordyng to the tenour of this acte. And yf default of any such certifying be had or made, in fourme as is abovesayd, then the Lord Chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beyng, shall immediately after name and appoynt Collectours for the collection of the same fifteene and tenth, in maner and fourme as the sayd Knightes of the Shyre, Citizens of Cities, and Burgesles of Boroughes, shoulde haue done, and as afore tyme haue been used. The which sayde Collectours, and euery of them, shall haue lyke allowaunce vpon theyr accomptes, for theyr fees, wages, and rewardes, for the collection of the sayd fifteene and tenth, in as large maner and fourme, as any Collectour or Collectours of fifteene and tenth, haue had at any season in tymes past. And that the Barons of the King and Queenes Eschequer for the tyme beyng, shal and may from time to time, awarde such proces for the speedy payment thereof, agaynst the Collectour & Collectours of the same, as by theyr discretions shalbe thought convenient.

Provided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the said Lord Chauncellour, Knightes of the Shyre, Citizens of Cities, and Burgesles of Boroughes, Townes, and other places, hauyng auctoritie by this present acte, to name and nominate the said Collectours, of or for the sayd fifteene and tenth, shal vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by auctoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient recognisaunce or obligation of euery person so by them to be named, to be bounden to the King and Queenes Maiesties, in the double summe of theyr collection, and to be endorced vpon such condition, that if the sayd Collectour or Collectours, do true-

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ly content & pay to the vse of the King and Queene in theyr receipt of theyr Eschequer, before the sayde tenth day of Nouember nowe nexte ensuyng, so muche of the summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as the same collectours shal haue collected and gathered: and do ly he wyse after the sayde tenth day of the moneth of Nouember, content and pay to the King and Queenes Maiesties vses at the same receipt, the residue of his collection & charge, within one moneth nexte after such tyme as he shall haue geathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayd recognisaunce or obligation to be boorde, or els to stande in his full strength and vertue, which recognisaunce or obligations so taken, the sayd knyghtes of the Shyre, Citizens and Burgesles, and euery of them, taking any such recognisaunces or obligations, shal certifie and deliuer to the Lord Treasurer, and Barons of the same Eschequer, before the sayde tenth day of Nouember nowe nexte ensuyng, vpon payne of forsayture of ten pounde to the Queene, for euery recognisaunce or obligation so to be taken and not certified.

And that euery such Collectour vpon request to him made, shal make and knowlege the same recognisaunce or obligation accordyngly, vpon like paine & forsayture of ten pounde to the Queene for his refusal thereof: & that the Treasurer or Barons of the Eschequer, vpon p payment of the same collection, or at the said day, shal cancel and deliuer the sayd recognisaunce or obligation to the sayde collectour or collectours, without any fee or rewarde to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great and weyghtie considerations aforesayde, we the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, do by our lyke assent and auctoritie of this present Parliament, geue and graunt to our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, one entire Subsidie, to be rated, taxed, leuied, and payde at one whole and entire payment, of euery person spirituall and Tempozall, of what estate or degree he or they be, accordyng to the tenour of this acte, in maner and fourme folowyng: that is to say, as well of euery person borne within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, as of all and euery fraternitie, Gilde, Coporacion, Mysterie, Brotherhood, and Communitie, coporated, or not coporated, within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, beyng woorth fytie pounde, for euery pounde, as well in coyne, and the value of euery pounde that euery such person, fraternite, Gilde, Coporacion, Mysterie, Brotherhood, and Communitie, coporate or not coporate, hath of his or theyr owne, or any other to his or theyr vse, as also plate, stocke of merchandizes, al maner of cozne and blades, household stuffe, and of all other goodes moueable, as well within this Realme as without, and of all such summes of money, as to hym or them is or shalbe owyng, whereof he or they trust in his or theyr consciences surely to be payde,

payde (except and out of the premisses deducted suche summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or theyr consciences truly intendeth to pay, and except also the apparell of such persons, theyr wyues, and children belonging to theyr owne bodyes, sayng Jewelles, golde, syluer, stone, and pearle) shall pay to, and for the sayd Subsidie, two shyllinges eyght pence of every pounce.

And also of every alien borne out of the Queenes obeytaunce, as wel Denizen as other, inhabiting within this Realme, of every pound that he or they haue in coyne, and the value of every pounce in plate, coyne, grayne, merchaundize, housholde stuffe, or other goodes, Jewels, cattels, moueable or bimmoueable, as is aforesayde, as well within this Realme as without, & of all summes of money to hym or them owning, whereof he or they trust in his or theyr conscience or consciences to be payde (except, and of the same premisses deducted every suche summe of summes of money which he or they do owe, and in his or theyr conscience or consciences intendeth truly to pay) shall pay of & for every pound to and for the payment of the sayde Subsidie, fyue shyllinges fourte pence for every pounce.

And also, that every alien & stratniger, borne out of the Queenes dominions, being denizen or not denizen, not being contributozie to any of the rates abouesaid, shall pay to and for the payment of the said Subsidie, eight pence for every pole, and the maister, or he or she with whom the same alien is or shall be abiding at the tyme of the taxation or taxations thereof, to be charged with the same, for lacke of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by chaucthoritie aforesayd, that every person borne vnder the Queenes obeytaunce, and every corporation, fraternitie, guilde, mysterie, brotherhood, and comminaltie, corporate or not corporate, for every pound that every of the same persons, and every corporation, fraternitie, guilde, mysterie, brotherhood, and comminaltie, corporate or not corporate, or any other to his or theyr vse, hath in fee simple, fee tayle, for tearme of lyfe, tearme of yeeres, by execution, wardshyp, or by copy of court roll, of, and in any honours, castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, hereditaments, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, of the yerely value of twenty shyllinges, as wel within auncient demeane, as other places prouidedged, as els where, and so bywardes, shall pay to and for the payment of the sayd Subsidie, foure shyllinges of every pounce.

And every alien, borne out of the Queenes obeytaunce, in suche case to pay at the sayd payment, eyght shyllinges of every pounce,

And that al summes presented and chargeable by this act, eyther for goodes and debtes, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premisses, as is in this acte conteyned, shall be at the sayde payment set and taxed after the rate and portion, accordyng to the true meanyng of this acte, landes and tenementes chargeable to the dismes of the

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Clergie, and peerey wages due to seruantes for their peerey seruice, (other then the King and Queenes seruantes, taking peerey wages of fīue poundes or aboue, only except & forepysed:) and that al plate, coine, iewelles, goodes, debtes, and castelles personalles, beyng in the onely custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any Corporation, frater-nitie, Guilde, Mysterie, Brotherhodd, or any Communitie, beyng cor-porate or not corporate, be, and shalbe rated, set, and charged, by reason of this acte, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificate, to be sworne, of euery pounce in goodes and debtes, as is abouesayd: and of euery pounce in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corodies, or o-ther peerey profittes, as is abouesayd. And the summes that are before rehered, set, and tared, to be leuied and taken of them that shal haue such goodes in custodie, or other wyse charged for landes, as is before re-hered: and the same person or persons, and body corporate, by the au-thoritie of this acte, shalbe discharged agaynst him of them that shal or ought to haue the same at the tyme of the payment or deliuerie thereof, or at his other wyse departure from the custodie or possession of the same, (except and alwayes forepysed from the charge and assesment of this Subsidie, all goodes, castelles, iewelles, and ornaments of Churches and Chappelles, whiche haue been ordeyned and bled in Churches or Chapels, for the honour and seruice of almighty God.) And this pay-ment of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe by authoritie aforesayd, tared, asses-sed, and rated, accordyng to this acte, in euery Shyre, Ryding, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne, & euery other place within this Realme of Englande and Wales, and other the Queenes domini-ong, before the last day of Apryll next comynng.

And the perticuler summes of euery Shyre, Rydyng, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesayd, with the perticuler names of suche as are chargeable for and to the payment of the sayd Subsidie, to be tared and set by the Commissioners to the same limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the hygh Collectours, and in the same fourme shalbe certified in the King and Queenes Exchequer, before the last day of May next comynng, with the names of the hygh Collec-tours of the same. And the sayde summes, in maner and fourme aforesayde, to be tared for the payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe payde in the Kyng and Queenes receipt of theyr Exchequer aforesayde, to the vse of our sayde soueraigne Lady, before the foure and twentieth day of June nexte comynng. And the summes, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, shalbe tared, set, asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and payde, to the vse of our sayde soueraigne Lady, and her heyres & successours in fourme abouesayd, as well within the liberties, fraunchises, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatsoever place exempt, or not exempt, as without (except suche Shyres, places, and persons, as shalbe forepysed in and by this present act) any graunt, charter,

charter, prescription, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters patentis, or other prauiledge, prescription, allowance of the same, or whatsoever other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vsed, or obteyned, not withstanding.

And it is further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that euery suche person, as well suche as be borne vnder the Queenes obeisance, as euery other person, straunger borne, Denizen, or not Denizen, inhabityng within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, which at þ time of the same asselssing or taration to be had or made, shalbe out of this Realme, & out of Wales, and haue goodes or cattelles, landes, tenementes, fees, or annuities, or other profites within this Realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged & chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabitants of the parties where such goodes, cattelles, landes, tenementes, or other the premises then shalbe, or in such other place, where such person, or his factour, deputy, or attorney, shall haue his most resort vnto within this Realme or in Wales, in lyke maner as yf the sayd person were or had ben at the tyme of the sayd asselssing within this Realme. And that euery person abydyng or dwellyng within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie, graunted by this acte, accordyng and after the rate of such yeerely substaunce, or value of landes and tenementes, goodes, and cattels, and other the premises, as euery person so to be charged, shalbe set at the tyme of the sayd asselssing or taration vpon him to be made, and in none other wyse.

And furthermoze be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that for the asselssing and orderyng of the sayde Subsidie to be duely had, the Lord Chauncellour of Englande, or the Keeper of the great Seale, the Lorde Treasurer of Englande, the Lorde Steward of the King and Queenes honourable housholde, the Lord President of the King & Queenes honourable counsaile, the Lord priue Seale for the time being, or two of them at the least, wherof the Lord Chauncellour of Englande, or keeper of the great Seale for the time being, to be one, shal and may name and appoynt, of, and for euery Shyre and Riding, and other places, aswel within this Realme as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions: and also of, and for euery Citie and Towne being a Countie in it selfe, and of, and for the Isle of Wight, such certayne number of persons, of euery of the sayd Shyres, Rydynges, Lathes wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wight, and euery other place, & other the inhabitants of the same, to be commissioners within the same, whereof they be inhabitantes: and also of, & for the honourable housholde of the Queenes Maiestie, and the Lady Elizabethes grace, in what Shyres or other places the sayd houtholdes shall happen then to be. And the Lord Chauncellour and other with hym before named, in lyke maner may name and appoynt of euery other suche Borough, and

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and Towne corporate, aswell in Englande as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, as they shall thinke requisite, five, sixe, foure, three, or two of the head officers, and other sadde honest inhabitauntes of euery of the sayde Cities, Borowghes, and Townes Corporate, according to the number and multitude of people beyng in the same. The whiche persons, yf any suche be thereunto named, of the sayde inhabitauntes of the sayde Borowghes and Townes Corporate, not beyng Counties in them selues, shalbe ioyned and put in as Commissioners, with the persons named for suche Shyres, and Rydynges, as the sayde Borowghes and Townes Corporate, not beyng Counties in them selues, be set and haue they: being: whiche persons so named, for and of the sayde Borowghes and Townes Corporate, not beyng Counties, by reason of they: dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon them, ne none of them, to put any part of they: commission in execution for the premises out of the sayde Borowghes and Townes Corporate, wherein they beyng so named only for the same be dwelling. And also not to execute the said commission within the Borowgh, or Towne Corporate, where they be so dwelling, but at suche dayes and tymes, as the sayd other Commissioners for the same Shyre and Rydyng, shal thereto limite and appoynt within the same Borowgh, or Towne Corporate, not beyng Countie Corporate, wherof they so be, and not out of suche Borowgh or Towne, and in that maner to be assisting and assisting with the sayde other Commissioners, in, and for the good executyng of the effect of the sayde commission, vppon payne of euery of the sayde Commissioners so named, for euery suche Citie, Borowgh, and Towne Corporate, not beyng a Countie, to make suche fine, as the sayde other Commissioners in the commission, of, and for the sayd Shyre, or Rydyng, so named, or three of them at the least, shall by they: discretions, set and certifie into the King and Queenes Eschequer, there to be leuied to the vse of her Maiestie. in like maner, as such or lyke summes had been set and rated vppon euery suche person for the sayde Subsidie. The which Commissioners so named, of, and for the sayde Cities, Borowghes, and Townes, not beyng Counties, and onely put in they: sayde commission, by reason of they: dwelling in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the fees, and rewardes of the Commissioners and they: Clarkes, in this acte afterwarde specified. And the Lord Chauncelour of Englande, and keeper of the King and Queenes great Seale for the time being, shall make and direct out of the court of Chauncery, vnder the King and Queenes great Seale, severall commissions, that is to say, to euery Shyre, Rydyng, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borowgh, Isle, and houtholde, vnto suche person and persons, as by his discretion, and other with him aforesaid named and appoynted, in lyke maner and fourme, as, is afore rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient for the leasing and leuyng

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letuyng of the same Subsidie, in al Shires and places, according to the true meanyng of this acte. Which commission for the payment of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe directed & deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them, before the fyrst day of Apryll next comyng, and to euery of the sayde Commissioners ten scedules, conteynyng in them the tenour of this acte shalbe assyled, by the which commission, the Commissioners in euery such commission, named accordyng to this act, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the same commission, shall haue full power and auctoritie to put the effect of the same commission in execution.

And that by the auctoritie of this acte, after suche commission to them directed, they may by theyr assentes and agreementes, seuer them selues for the execution of theyr commission, in Hundreces, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places, within the limites of theyr sayd commission, in such fourme, as to them shall seeme expedient to be ordred, and betweene them to be communed and agreed, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the commission to them therein directed, vpon whiche seuer aunce euery person of this present Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned in the Hundred where in he dwelleth.

Provided alwayes, that no person be, or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to and for the execution of this present acte, but only in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth. And that euery person, beyng assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this acte, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners, and euery of them, which shalbe named, limited and appoynted accordyng to this acte, to be Commissioners in euery such Shyre, Ridyng, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the same houtholbes, or any other places, and none other, shall truely, effectually, and diligently for theyr parte, execute the effect of this present acte, accordyng to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and no otherwyse by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them to the contrary thereof. And the same Commissioners, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the same commission, and none other, for the execution of the same commission and acte, shall for the taxation of the same payment of the sayd Subsidie, before the fyrth day of Apryll next comyng, by vertue of the commissions deliuered vnto them in fourme abouesayd, directe theyr seuerall or ioynt precept, vnto eyght, seuen, fyve, fyue, foure, or three, or mo, as for the number of the inhabitauntes shalbe requisite, of the most substantiall, discrete, and honest persons inhabitauntes, to be named by the sayd Commissioners, or by as many of them as shalbe appoynted by

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and Towne corporate, as well in Englands as in Wales, and other the
Queenes dominions, as they shall thinke requisite, sixe, five, four,
three, or two of the head officers, and other sadde honest inhabitauntes
of every of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes Corporate, ac-
cording to the number and multitude of people beyng in the same.
The whiche persons, yf any suche be thereunto named, of the sayde
inhabitauntes of the sayde Boroughes and Townes Corporate, not
beyng Counties in them selues, shalbe ioyned and put in as Commis-
sioners, with the persons named for suche Shyres, and Rydynges,
as the sayde Boroughes and Townes Corporate, not beyng Counties
in them selues, be set and haue they: being: whiche persons so named,
for and of the sayde Boroughes and Townes Corporate, not beyng
Counties, by reason of they: dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon
them, ne none of them, to put any part of they: commission in executi-
on for the premisses, out of the sayde Boroughes and Townes Corpo-
rate, wherein they beyng so named only for the same be dwelling. And
also not to execute the said commission within the Borough, or Towne
Corporate, where they be so dwelling, but at suche dayes and tymes,
as the sayd other Commissioners for the same Shyre and Rydyng, shall
thereto limite and appoynt within the same Borough, or Towne
Corporate, not beyng Countie Corporate, wherof they so be, and
not out of suche Borough or Towne, and in that maner to be ay-
dyng and assystyng with the sayde other Commissioners, in, and for
the good executyng of the effect of the sayde commission, bypon payne
of every of the sayde Commissioners so named, for every suche Citie,
Borough, and Towne Corporate, not beyng a Countie, to make suche
fine, as the sayde other Commissioners in the commission, of, and for
the sayd Shyre, or Rydyng, so named, or three of them at the least, shall
by they: discretions, set and certifie into the King and Queenes Esche-
quer, there to be leuied to the vse of her Maiestie, in like maner, as such
or lyke summes had been set and rated bypon every suche person for
the sayde Subsidie. The which Commissioners so named, of, and for
the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, not beyng Counties, and
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wardes of the Commissioners and they: Clarkes, in this acte after-
wardes specified. And the Lord Chauncelour of Englands, and keeper
of the King and Queenes great Seale for the time being, shall make
and direct out of the court of Chauncery, vnder the King and Queenes
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leuyng of the same Subsidie, in al Shires and places, according to the true meanyng of this acte. which commission for the payment of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe directed & deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them, befoze the fyrst day of Apryll next comyng, and to euery of the sayde Commissioners ten scedules, conteynyng in them the tenour of this acte shalbe assyled, by the which commission, the Commissioners in euery such commission, named accordyng to this act, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the same commission, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to put the effect of the same commission in execution.

And that by the aucthoritie of this acte, after suche commission to them directed, they may by theyr assentes and agreementes, seuer them selues for the execution of theyr commission, in Hundredes, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places, within the limites of theyr sayd commission, in such fourme, as to them shall seeme expedient to be ordred, and betweene them to be comyned and agreed, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the commission to them therein directed, vpon whiche seuerance euery person of this present Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned in the Hundred where in he dwelleth.

Provided alwayes, that no person be, or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to and for the execution of this present acte, but only in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth. And that euery person, beyng assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this acte, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners, and euery of them, which shalbe named, limited and appoynted accordyng to this acte, to be Commissioners in euery such Shyre, Ridyng, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the same householdes, or any other places, and none other, shall truely, effectually, and diligently for theyr parte, execute the effect of this present acte, accordyng to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and no other wyse by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them to the contrary thereof. And the same Commissioners, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the same commission, and none other, for the execution of the same commission and acte, shall for the taxation of the same payment of the sayd Subsidie, befoze the fyrth day of Apryll next comyng, by vertue of the commissions deliuered vnto them in fourme abouesayd, directe theyr seuerall or ioynt precept, vnto eyght, seuen, fyve, fyue, foure, or three, or mo, as for the number of the inhabitantes shalbe requisite, of the most substantiall, discrete, and honest persons inhabitantes, to be named by the sayd Commissioners, or by as many of them as shalbe appoynted by

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by the sayd commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, wardes, Parishes, Townes, and other places, as well within liberties, fraunchises, auncient demeane, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limits of the Shyres, Ridings, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Borowghes, or Isle aforesayde, & other places within the limittes of their commission, vnto the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, & other lyke officers, or ministers of euery of the same Hundredes, Townes, Lathes, wardes, wapentakes, Parishes, and other places beforesayde, as to the same Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto thre, or two of them, by theyr discretion in diuision shall seme expedient, as by the maner & vse of that parties shalbe requisite: straightly by the same precept charging and commaunding the same inhabitauntes, Constables, and other officers aforesayd, to whom such precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their proper persons before the said Commissioners, or such number of them, as they shal diuide them selues, according to the tenour of the sayd commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde Commissioners, or any number of them, as is aforesayd, within Cities, Borowghes, and Townes corporate, or without, in any other place, as is aforesayde, by their discretions shalbe limitedt therevnto, to do & accomplye all that to them on the partie of the King & Queenes Maiesties shalbe enioyned touching this acte: Commaunding further by the same precept, that he to whose handes such precept shall come, shall shewe, or deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the sayd precept, and that none of them sayle to accomplye the same, vpon payne of fourtie shyllynges to be forsayte to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordeyned by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that euery of the Commissioners then beyng in the Shyre, and hauyng no sufficient excuse for his absence, shall at the day and place prefixed for that part, whervnto he was limitedt to appeare in his proper person, & there the same Commissioners being present, or as many as shalbe appoynted by the King and Queenes commission, shall call, or cause to be called before them, the sayde inhabitauntes and officers, to whom they haue directed theyr sayde preceptes, and which had in commaundement there to appeare, by the sayde precepte of the sayd Commissioners. And yf any person so warned make defaulte, vnlesse he then be letten by sicknesse or lawfull excuse, and that let then be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons, or yf any appearing, refuse to be sworne in fourme folowynge, to forsayte to the King and Queenes Maiesties fourtie shyllynges, and so at euery time appoynted by the sayd Commissioners for the sayd taxations, vnto such tyme the number of euery such persons haue appeared, and certified in fourme vnder written: and euery of them, so makynge defaulte, or refusynge to be sworne, to forsayte to the King and Queenes Maiesties fourtie shyllynges,

hillinges. And vpon the same appearaunce had, one of the moſte ſubſtantiall inhabitants, or officers, ſo beyng warned and appearing before the ſayde Commiſſioners, ſhalbe ſwozne vpon a booke, openly before the Commiſſioners in ſourne ſolowng. I ſhal truly enquire, with my felowes that ſhalbe charged with me, of the hundred, wapentake, warde, towne, or other place, of the beſt and moſt value of the ſubſtaunce of every perſon, dwelling and abyding within the limites of the places that I and my felowes ſhalbe charged with, and of other whiche ſhal haue his or theyr moſt reſorte vnto any of the ſayde places, and chargeable with any ſumme of money by this act of the ſaid Subſidie, and of al other articles that I ſhalbe charged with touching the ſayde acte, and accordyng to the intent of the ſame. And thereupon as neere as it may be, or ſhal come to my knowledge, truly to preſent and certifie before you the names, ſurnames, and the beſt & bettermoſt ſubſtaunce and values of every ſo them, as wel ſo landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, poſſeſſions, and profites, as of goodes, cattelles, debtes, and other thynges chargeable by the ſayde acte. without anye concealment, loue, fauour, affection, dread, feare, or malice, as neare as God wil geue me grace, ſo helpe me God, and the holy contentes of this booke.

And every other perſon that ſhal appeare there by the ſame precepts, ſhal make like oth, and vpon the othe ſo taken, as is aforeſayde, by the inhabitants & officers of every hundred, warde, wapentake, towne, or other place, the ſayd Commiſſioners ſhal openly there reade, or cauſe to be read vnto them, the ſayde rates, and openly declare the effecte of theyr charge vnto them in what manner and ſourne they ought and ſhoulde make theyr certificat, accordyng to the rates and ſummies thereof aforeſayde, and of al manner of perſons, as wel of aliens and ſtraungers, Denizens or not Denizens, inhabiting within this Realme, as of ſuch perſons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeyſaunce chargeable to this acte:

And of the poſſeſſions, goods, and cattelles, of fraternities, gyldeſ, corporations, brotherhoods, myſteries, and comminalties, and other as is aforeſayde, and of perſons beyng in the parties of beyonde the ſeas, hauing goodes or cattelles, landes, or tenementes, within this Realme as is aforeſayde. And of all goodes being in the cuſtody of any perſon or perſons, to the uſe of any other, as is aforeſayde, by the whiche information and ſhewyng, the ſayde perſons ſhoulde haue ſuche playne knowledge of the true intent of this preſent acte, and of the manner of their certificate, that the ſame perſons, ſhal haue no reaſonable cauſe to excuſe them by ignorance. And after ſuche othe, and the ſtatute of the ſayde Subſidie, and the manner of the ſayde certificate to be made in wytyng, conternyng the names and ſurnames of every perſon, and whether they be borne without the Queenes obeyſaunce or within,

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And the best value of every person, in every degree, as wel of peerely value of landes and tenementes, and of suche like possessions and profits, as the value of goodes and cattels, debtes, and every thyng to the certificate requisite and necessary to them declared, the sayde commissioners there beyng, shal by theyr discretions appoynte and limite vnto the sayde persons an other day and place, to appeare before the sayde commissioners, and charging the sayd persons, that they in the meane time shal make diligent enquire by al wayes and meanes of the premises, and then and there every of them bypon payne of forseiture of. xl.s. to the kyng and queenes Majesties, to appeare at the sayd newe prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde commissioners, in wytyng, accordyng to theyr sayde charge, and accordyng to the true intent of the sayd graunt of subsidie, and as to them in manner aforesaid hath ben declared and shewed by the commissioners. At which day and place so to them prefixed, yf any of the sayd persons make default, or appeare, and refuse to make the sayd certificate, that then every of them so offending, to forseite to the kyng and queenes Majesties, fourtie shyllinges, except only a reasonable cause of his default, by reason of sicknesse, or other wyse by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed, be had. And of such as appeare redy to make certificat, as is aforesayde, the sayd commissioners there being, shal take and receyue the same certificate, & every part thereof, and the names and values, and substance of every person so certified. And yf the same commissioners see cause reasonable, they shal examine the sayde presenters thereof, and thereupon the sayde commissioners at the sayd dayes & place, by theyr agreement amonges them selves, shal from tyme to tyme openly there pefixe a day at a certayne place or places within the limites of their commission by theyr discretion, for theyr further proceeding to the sayde assaying of the said subsidie, and thereupon at the sayde day of the sayde certificate as is aforesayd taken, the same commissioners, shal make theyr precept or preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, or other officers of suche Hundreds, wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same commissioners shalbe of, compysing and containing in the same precepte, the names and surnames of al persons presented before them in the sayde certificate, of whom yf the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the kyng and queenes commission, shal then have vehement suspecte to be of more greater value or substance in landes, goodes, cattelles, or summes of money owyng to them, or other substance aforesayde, then bypon such personne or personnes shalbe certified, the same commissioners shal make theyr precept or preceptes, directed to the Constables, Bayliffes, or other officer, to whom such precept shalbe directed, commaundyng the same Constables, Bayliffes or other officers, to warne suche personnes whose names shalbe comprised in the sayde precepte, at theyr mansions,

mansion, or to their persons, that the same persons named in such preceptes, and euery of them, shal personally appeare before the sayde commissioners, at the same netwe prefixed day and place. there to be examined by al wayes and meanes by the sayd commissioners, of theyr greatest substantiunce, and best value, and of al and euery summes of money owyng to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concerning the premisses, or any of them, accordyng to this acte. At whiche day and place so prefixed, the sayde commissioners then there being, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the kyng and queenes commission, shal cause to be called the sayde persons, whose names shalbe compassed in the sayde precept, as is aforesayde, for theyr examination. And yf any of those persons whiche shoulde be warned, as is aforesayde, to be examined, whiche at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefixed day, shalbe within such place where he may haue knowledge of his sayde apparaunce to be made, make default, and appeare not, vnielles a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse by the othes of two credible persons before the sayde commissioners, be truly alleaged for his discharge: that then euery of them so makyng defaulte, to be tared to the kyng and queenes Maiesties, with a at the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or ought to haue ben set at, for, and after the best value of his landes or substantiunce vpon him certified, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the commissioners there beyng. And whiche commissioners shal traualle with euery of the persons so then and there appearing, whose names shalbe expressed in the sayd precept or preceptes, and in whom any vehement suspect was or shalbe had, in fourme aforesaid, by all suche wayes and meanes they can. And that euery spiritual person at the sayde taxations of the sayde subsidie, shalbe rated and set accordyng to the rate abouesayde, of, and for euery poynde that the same spiritual person, or any other to his use hath by descent, bargayne, or purchase, in fee simple, fee tale, tearme of life, tearme of peeres, by execution, by warde, or copie of court roule, in any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, offices, fees, cozodies, annuities, or hereditamentes, after the true, iust, and peerelely value thereof, after and accordyng as other the kyng and queenes Maiesties subiectes, borne with, in this Realme, be charged in fourme aboue remembred: so that it extende to the peerelely ballue of twentie shyllinges or aboue. And yf any person certified or rated by vertue of this acte, be he commissioner or other, to any manner of value, doth synde hym selfe greued with the same presentment, seassing, or taxyng, and thereupon complayne to the commissioners, before whom he shalbe rated, seassed, or tared, or before two of them: that then the sayde commissioners shal by al wayes and meanes examine perticulerly and distinctly the person so complaining, and other his neighbours by theyr discretion, of euery his landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euery his goodes, cattayles,

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and debtes aboue mentioned, and after due examination, and perfecte knowledge thereof had, and perceyued by the sayd commissioners, whiche shall haue power by the auctoritie aforesayde, the sayd commissioners, or two of them, to whom any suche complaynt shalbe made, by theyr discretions, vpon the othe of the sayde person so complaynyng, may abate, defaulke, encrease, or enlarge the same assessement, accordyng as it shall appere vnto them iust, vpon the same examination: And the same summe so abated, defaulked, encreased, or enlarged, to be estreated in fourme as hereafter ensueth, so that he come before the estreats of the same asselssyng be deliuered by the sayde commissioners, into the kyng and queenes Maiesties Exchequer: and yf it be prooued by wytnesse, his owne confession, or other lawful wayes or meanes, within a yere after any suche othe made, that the same person so tared and swozne, was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thinges aboue specified, at the tyme of his sayde othe, then the same person so swozne did declare vpon his sayde othe, that then every suche person so offending, shal lose and forfeite to the kyng and queenes Maiesties, so muche in lawful money of Englande, as the sayd person so swozne, was set at or tared to pay. And al persons, set, rated, and tared, as is aforesayde, shalbe bounde and charged by the same, and the summe or summes vpon hym set, to be due towards the payment of the sayde subsidie, and to be leued as hereafter shalbe specified.

And also it is enacted by the same auctoritie, that every person, to be tared at the same taxatio, as is aforesayd, shalbe rated, tared, & set, and the summe on hym set, to be leued at such place where he and his familie at the tyme of the same presentment to be made, shal keepe his house or dwelling, or where he then shalbe moste conuersaunt, abydyng, and resiaunt, or shal haue his moste resorte, and shalbe best known, at the tyme of the sayde certificate to be made, and no where els. And that no commissioner for this subsidie, shalbe rated or tared for his goodes, or landes, but in the Shyre and other place where he shalbe commissioner. And that yf any person chargeable to this acte, at the tyme of the sayde asselssyng happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shalbe known, then he to be set where he was last abydyng in this Realme, or within Wales, and best known, and after the substance and value, and other profites of every person known by the examination, certificate, and other manner of wyse, as is aforesayde: the sayde commissioners, or as manye of them as shalbe appoynted by the kyng and queenes Maiesties commission, shal after the rate aforesayde, set, and taxe every person, accordyng to the rate of the substance and value of his landes, goodes, and other profites, whereby the greatest & most best summe accordyng to his most substance, by reason of this acte, might, or may be set and tared.

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for payment of and to this subsidy, for and after the peerele value of his landes, tenementes, and other royal possessions or profits, at the sayde tarations, shal not be set and tared for his goods and cattelles or other moueable substantice, at the same taration: And that he that shal be charged or tared for the same subsidy, for his goodes, cattelles, and other moueables at the same taration, shal not be charged, tared, or chargeable for his landes, or other real possessions or profits abovesayd, at the same taration: nor that any person be double charged for the said subsidy, neyther set or tared at several places by reason of this act: any thyng conteyned in this prelet acte, notwithstanding.

And that it be ordeyned by the same auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person, having two mansions or two places to resort vnto, or calling him selfe housholde seruaunt, or wayting seruaunt to the kyng and queenes Maiesties, or other lord or lady, maister or maistress, be excused vpon his saying from the tare of the sayde subsidy, in neyther of the places where he may be set, vnielles he bring a certificate in writing from the commissioners, where that he is so set in deede at one place. And if any person that ought to be set by reason of his removing or resorting to two places, or by reason of his saying that he els where was tared, or by reason of any priuiledge by his dwelling or abiding in any place, not being forepysed in this acte, or otherwyle by his couin or craftie happen to escape from the sayde tarations, and be not set, and that proued by presentment, examination, or information, before the same commissioners, or as manye of them as shalbe by the same commission appoynted, or by the barons of the kyng and queenes Maiesties exchequer, or two iustices of the peace of the countie where suche person dwelleth: then every such person that by suche meanes, or otherwyle wyllyngly by couin shal happen to escape from the said taration or payment aforesayde, and not to be tared, tared, or set, shal be charged vpon the knowledge and prooffe therof, with, and at the double value that he shoulde or ought to haue been set at afore; accordyng to his behauiour, the same double value to be tared, gathered, and paid of his goodes and cattelles, landes, and tenementes, towarde the sayde subsidy, and further to be punished accordyng to the discretions of the barons, iustices, and commissioners, before whom he shal be convicted for his offence and deceite in that behalfe.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd commissioners of every commission, shal accordyng to their diuisions, and after they be diuided, haue full power and auctoritie by this acte, to set, tare, and selle, every other commissioner ioined with them in every suche commission and diuision: And shal also assele every assessor, within theyr diuision, for his and theyr goodes, landes, and other the premises, as is abovesayde, by the which sayde commission, the sayde commissioners shal indifferently set, tare, and selle themselves and the

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sayd assessours, and that aswel the summes bpon euery of the sayd commissioners & assessours, so assessed, rated, and tared, as the summes made and presented by the presenters sworn, as is aforesayde, shalbe wrytten, certified, and estreated: and the estreates thereof to be made with other the inhabitauntes of the parties within the limittes of the same commission and diuision, so to be gathered and leuied in lyke manner as it ought or shoulde haue ben, if the sayde commissioner had not ben in the sayd commission. And that al persons, of the estate of a Baron or Barons, & euery estate aboue, shalbe charged with theyr free holde, and value, as is aforesayde, by the chauncellour or keeper of the great seale, Treasurer of Englande, lord president of the kyng and queenes Maiesties priuie counsell, and lord priuie seale for the tyme being, or other persons by the kyng and queenes Maiesties auctoritie to be lymitted, and they to be charged for the said seuerall payments of the said subsidy, after the fourme of the said graunt, according to the taration aforesaid, and the summes bpon them set, with the names of the high collectours appoynted for the gathering and paying of the same, to be estreated, deliuered, and certified, at dayes and places aboue specified, by the lord Chauncellour, Treasurer, lord president of the counsell, and lord priuie seale for the tyme being, or suche other persons as shalbe limited by the kyng and queenes Maiesties, and after the taxes and assesles of the said summes, bpon and by the sayd assessing and certificate, as is aforesayde made, the said commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appoynted by the kyng and queenes Maiesties commission, shall with al speede and without delay, by the wrytyng estreated of the sayde tax thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the sayd commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted at the least to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient and substantial inhabitauntes, constables, subconstables, bayliffes, and other officers toytly, of hundreds, townes, parishes, and other places aforesayde, within theyr limyttes, or to other sufficient persons inhabitauntes of the same only, by the discretion of the same commissioners, & as the place and parties shal require, aswel the particuler names, & surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of money taxed and set, of and bpon euery person, as wel man as woman chargeable to this act, housholder, and al other inhabitantes and dwellers within the said parishes, townes, and place, contributory to this act of subsidie. By auctoritie of which wrytyng or estreate, so deliuered, the sayd officers and other persons so named & deputed seuerally, shal haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, immediately after the deliury of the sayd wrytyng or estreate, to demand, leuie, and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe or summes in the same wrytyng or estreate comprised. And for none payment thereof, to distrayne the same person or persons so being behynde by theyr goodes and cattelles: And the distresses so taken, to keepe by the space of

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eyght dayes at the costes and charges of the owner thereof: And yf the saide owner do not pay suche summe of money as shalbe tared by this acte, within the same eyght dayes, then the same distresse to be appraysed by foure, thre, or two of the inhabitauntes where suche distresse is taken, and also to be solde by the sayde constable and other collectours, for the payment of the sayde money, and the ouerplus commynge of the sale and keepynge thereof, if any be, to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse: whiche sayde officer and other persons, so deputed to aske, take, gather, and leue the sayde summes, shal answer and be charged, for the portion onely to them assigned or limited to be gathered, leued, and comprised in the sayde wryting or estreate to them as is beforesaid deliuered, to the vse of our soueraigne lady the queenes Maiestie, and her heyres and successors: And the sayde summe in that wryting or estreate comprised, to pay vnto the hygh collectour or collectours of that place for the collection of the same, in maner and fourme vnder wrytten, thereunto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabitauntes and officers so gathering the same perticuler summes, for theyr collection thereof, shal retyrne for every twentie shyllinges so by them receaued and paid, two pence, & that to be allowed at the payment of their collectio by them to be made, by the hygh collectour or collectours.

And further be it enacted by the sayde auctho: itie, that the sayde commissioners, or the more part of them, as shal take vpon them the execution and busynesse of the sayde commission, shal for the same payment of the sayd subsidie, name such sufficient and able persons whiche then shal haue and possesse landes and other hereditamentes in theyr owne ryght, of the yeerely value of .xx. l. or goodes to the value of two hundred markes at the least, and the persons severally by the discretions of the same commissioners, in shires, ridings, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corporate, and other what soeuer places, as well within places priuiledged, as without, not beyng comprised within this act, to be hygh collectours, & haue the collection and receipt of the sayde summes set & leuiable within the precinct, limit, & bondes where they shalbe so limited to gather and receyue. So every of the which collectors so severally named, the said commissioners, or two of the at the least, shal with al speede & without delay after the sayde whole summe of the said subsidie, be set by al the limitts of the same the sayd commission, or in such limitts as the hygh collectours shalbe so severally assigned, shal vnder their seales & signes manuel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchment to every of the sayd hygh collectours, comprising in it the names of al such persons as were assigned to leue the sayde perticuler summes, and the summes of every hundred, wapentake, towne, or other place aforesayde, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable, accordyng to the estreate so first therof made, as is aforesaid, and deliuered, and the collectors so to be assigned, shalbe charged to answer the whole summe

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provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the sayde commissioners having authoritie by this acte to name & nominate the sayde hygh collectours of the sayde subsidie, shal immediately upon the nomination and election, take by authoritie of this present parliament, sufficient recognisances or obligations, without any fee or rewarde to be payde therefore of every person so by them to be named to be hygh collectours, to be bounde to the kyng and queenes Majesties, in the double summe of the summe of his collection, & to be indorsed, & made upon such condition, that is to say, for the collectio of the same payment of the said subsidie, that yf the said collectour, his heires or executors, do truly content & pay to the use of the queenes Majestie, her heires, or executors, in receipt of the said exchequer, before the said xxiii. day of June next coming, so much of the said summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he shal collect & gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection & charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath gathered and collected the same residue, that then the sayd recognisance or obligation to be boyd, or els to stand in full strength and vertue: which said recognisances or obligations so taken, the said commissioners shal severally certifie and deliver into the kyng and queenes Majesties exchequer, with the severall certificates of the sayd taxations and rates of the paymentes of the sayd subsidie, at, and by the tyme to them prescribed and appoynted by this acte, for the certificate of the taxation of the sayd subsidie, upon paine of forfeiture of .x. poundes to the kyng and queenes Majesties, for every recognisance or obligation not certified, and that every suche collectour, so elected, named, & chosen, upon request to hym made, shal know ledge & make the sayde recognisance or obligation, upon lyke payne of forfeiture of .x. li. to the kyng & queenes Majesties for the refusal therof. And every such collectour so deputed, having the sayd estreate in parchment, as is aforesaid, shal have authoritie by this act, to appoint daies & places within the circuite of his collection, for the payment of the said subsidie to hym to be made, and therof to geve warning by proclamation or other wyse, to al the sayde Constables, or other persons, or inhabitants, having the charge of the particuler collection, within the hundreds, parishes, townes, or other places by hym or the limited to make payment for their said particuler collection of every summe, as to them shal apperteyne. And if at the said day and place so limited and prescribed by the sayde collectour, the sayde constable, officer, or other person or inhabitants, as is beforesaid, for the said particuler collection, appoynted & assigned within such hundred, citie, towne, or other place, do not pay unto the said collectours, & summe within their severall hundreds, townes, parishes, and other places, due & comprised in the said estreate therof to them delivered by the said commissioners, or some of them, as is aforesayde,

aforesayd, or so much thereof as they haue by any meanes receiued, two pence for euery pound, for the sayd particuler collection, as is beforesaid, alwayes to be thereof allowed, excepted, and abated, that then it shalbe lawfull to the said high collectours, and to euery of them, and to their assignes, to distrayne euery of the sayde constables, officers, and other inhabitantes, for their said seuerall and particuler collections of the sayde summes comprised in the sayd estreate and wrytyng therof, to them and euery of them, as is befoze expressed, delivered, or for as much of þ same summe, as so then shal happen to be gathered and leuied, and behynde and vnpaid, by the goodes & cattels of euery of them so being behynde, and the distresse so taken, to be kept, appraised & sold, as is aforesaid, and therof to take and leue the summes so then being behynde and vnpaid, and the ouerplus comming of the sale of the said distresse, if any be, to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner in fourme aboue remembred.

Provided alwayes, that no person inhabiting in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be an assessor or collector, of or for any part of the said subsidie, in any place or places out of the sayd Citie, Borough or Towne corporate where he dwelleth.

And be it also by the said auctoritie enacted, that if any inhabitant or officer, or whatsoever person or persons charged to, and for the collection or receipt of any part or portion of the saide subsidie, by any manner of meanes accordyng to this acte, or any person or persons for them selues, or as heper, gardian, deputie, factour, or atturney, of or for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattelles of the owner thereof, at the time of the sayde assessing to be made, being out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knownen, or of and for the goodes and cattelles of any other person or persons, of any corporation, fraternitie, mysterie, or other whatsoever communitie being incorporate, or not incorporate, and al persons hauing in theyr rule, gouernaunce, and custodie any goodes, or cattelles, at the time of the said assessing to be made, or which for any cause for and by collection, or for hym selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce, or custodie of any goodes, or cattels, of any other person or persons, corporation, communitie, or fraternitie, guilde, or mystery, or any such other like, or as factour, deputie, or atturney, of, or for any person, shalbe tared, rated, valued, and set, to any summe or summes by reason of this acte, & after the taxatio or assessing vpon any such person or persons, as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same, happen to die, or depart from the place where he was so tared and set, or his goodes or cattels, be so eloynd, or in suche priuie and couert manner kept, as the sayde person or persons charged with the same, by estreats, or other wrytynges, from the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the sayd comission, as is aforesayd, can, ne may leue the same summe or summes comprised within the same estreats by distresse, within the

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limittes of theyr collection, as aforesayde, or can not sel suche distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the same paymentes, before the tyme limited to the hygh collectour for his payment to be made in the kyng and queenes Maiesties receipt: then upon relation therof made, with due examination by the oth, or examination of such person or persons, as shalbe charged with, or for the receipt or collection of the same, before the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde commission shalbe thereunto appoynted, where suche person or persons, or other, as is aforesayde, theyr goodes and cattels were set and tared, and upon playne certificate therof made in the kyng and queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same commissioners, as well of the dwelling place, names, & summes of the sayd persons of whom the sayd summes can not be leuied and had, as is aforesaid, then as wel the constables and other inhabitantes appointed for the said particuler collection against the high collectours, as the high collectour upon his accompt & othe, in the said Exchequer to be discharged thereof, and processe to be made for the kyng & queenes Maiesties out of the said Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the said Exchequer, against such person, his heires or executors so being behinde, with his payment. And ouer that, the same commissioners to whom anye suche declaration of the premisles shalbe made in fourme aforesaid, from tyme to tyme shal haue ful power & auctoritie to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the said person or persons charged with any summe, or, for, or upon anye suche person or persons, or other, as is aforesayd, or to any sheryffe, steward, bayliffe, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons of such place where any such person or persons, so owing such summe or summes shal haue lands & tenements, or other hereditaments, or royal possessions, goods, & cattels, wherby any such person or persons so indebted, his heires, executors, or assignes, or other hauing the custodie, gouernance, or disposition of any goodes, cattels, landes, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whiche ought or may by this acte lawfully be distrayned or taken for the same, hath & shal haue goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, wherof such summe or summes, which by any such person or persons may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limittes of suche commission, where such person or persons was and were tared, or without, within anye place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the queenes Maiesties dominions, marches, or territories, by whiche precept as wel suche person or persons as shalbe charged to leuie such money, as the officers of the place or places where such distresse may be taken, shal haue ful power and auctoritie to distrayne every such person indebted, charged, and chargeable by this acte, or his executors or administratours of his goods and cattels, his gardians, factours, deputies, leasles, farmers, and assignes, and al other persons, by whose handes, or out of whose landes any such person shoulde haue
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rente, fee, annuities, or other profite, or whiche at the tyme of the sayd assessments shal haue goodes, or cattels, or any other thyng moueable, or anye suche person or persons beyng indebted or owyng suche summe, and the distresses so taken, caused to be kepte, appraised, and solde in like manner and fourme as is aforesayde, for the distresse to be taken vpon such person to be tared to the said subsidie, & being sufficient to distraine within the limittes of the Collectours, inhabitants, or other officers charged with or for the same summes so vpon them to be tared. And yf anye suche distresse for none payment happen to be taken out of the limit of the sayd persons charged and assigned to leuie the same, the person so charged for the leuie of euery such summe by distresse, shall perceiue and take of the sayd distresse for the labour of euery person going for the execution thereof, for euery mile that any such person so labourerth for the same, two pence, and euery farmour, tenaunt, gardian, factour, or other whatsoever personne, beyng distrayned, or otherwyle charged for payment of anye suche summe or summes, or anye other summes by reason of this acte, shalbe of such summe or summes of him or them so leined & taken, discharged & acquitted at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuerie of such goodes & cattels as he that is so distrayned had in his custodie & gouernaunce, against him or them that shalbe so tared and set, any graunt or wryting obligatory, or other whatsoever matter to the contrary made heretofore, notwithstanding. And yf anye suche person that shoulde be so distrayned, haue no lands or tenementes sufficient whereby he or his tenauntes and farmours may be distrayned, or hath eloyned, aliened, or hidde his goodes and cattels, whereby he shoulde or myght be distrayned, in suche manner that suche goodes and cattels shal not be knowne or founde, so that the summe of or by hym to be payde in the sayde fourme, shal ne can be conueniently leuied, then vpon relation thereof vnto the commissioners, or to as many of them as by the said commission shalbe thereunto appoynted, where suche person or persons was tared and set, by the othes of him or them that shalbe charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes, the same commissioners shal make a precept in such manner as is aforesayd, for to attache, take, and arrest the body of suche person or persons that ought to pay the sayde summes, and by this acte shalbe charged with and for the sayde summe and summes, and them so taken safely to keepe in pryson within the Shyre or other place, where anye suche person or personnes shalbe taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle or maynepryse, vntyl he haue payd the same summe or summes, that such person for him selfe or for any other by this acte shalbe charged, or ought to be charged withall, and also for the fees of euery suche arrest to hym or them that shal execute suche precept twentie pence: and that euery officer vnto whom suche precept shalbe directed, do his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery

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every person so being indebted, upon payne to forfeite to the kyng and queenes Maiesties, for every default in that behalfe, twentie shillings: and that no keeper of any gayle, from his gayle suffer any such person to goe at large by letting of bayle, or otherwyse to depart out of his prison before he haue payde his sayde debt, and the sayd. xx. pence, for the sayd arrest, upon payne to forfeite to the kyng and queenes Maiesties, fourtie shillings, and the same gayler to paye vnto the kyng & queenes Maiesties, the double value as wel of the rate whiche the sayde person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the sayde. xx. pence for the fees, and lyke procelle and remedie in lyke fourme shalbe graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde commission shal be thereunto appoynted, at lyke information of every person or persons, being charged with any summe of money, for any other person or persons, by reason of the sayde subsidie, and not thereof payde, but wilfully withdrawen, ne the same leniable within the limittes where suche persons were thereunto taxed: and yf the summe or summes being behinde vnpaide by any person or persons, as is aforesayde, be leuyed, and geathered by force of the sayde proces to be made by the sayde Commissioners, or yf in default or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owyng the sayde summe or summes of money, by procelle of the same Commissioners to be made as is aforesayd, be committed to prison in fourme abovesayde, that then the same commissioners whiche shal awarde suche procelle, shal make certificate thereof in the sayde Exchequer, of that shalbe done in the premises, in the terme next folowynge after suche summe or summes of money so being behinde shalbe leuyed and geathered, or suche person or persons for none payment of the same committed to prison. And yf it happen anye of the said collectours to be assigned, or any Maioz, sheriffe, lie warde, constable, the head borough, shouholder, baylyffe, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoever person or persons, to disobey the sayde commissioners, or any of them, at the reasonable request to them made by the sayde commissioners, for execution of the sayde commission, or yf any of the officers or other persons do refuse that to them shal apperteyne and belong to do, by reason of any precept to hym or them to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instance, or request touching the premises, or other default in any appearaunce, or collection to make, or yf any person being suspecte, or not to be indifferently taxed, as is aforesayde, doo refuse to be examined accordyng to the tenor of this acte, before the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as shal be thereunto assigned as is aforesayde, or wyl not appeare before the same commissioners, bypon warnyng to hym made, or els make resistance or resco us bypon any distresse bypon hym to be taken, for any parcel of the sayde subsidie, or commit any misbehaviour in any manner of wyse, contrary to this acte, or commytte any wilful omission or other whatsoever

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whatsoever wilfull, not doyng or misdoyng contrary to the tenour of this act or graunt, the same commissioners, and every number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, vpon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanours had, by information or examination, shall and may set vpon every such offendour for every such offence, in name of a fine, by the same offender to be forsayed, xl. s. or vnder, by the discretion of the same commissioners. And further the same commissioners, and every number of them, or two of them at the least, shall haue aucthoritie by this present act, to punish every such offender by imprisonment, there to remaine, and be deliuered by theyr discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient, the sayde fines, if any such be, to be certified by the sayd commissioners that so asselled the same, into the Kyng and Queenes maiesties Eschequer, there to be lentled and payd by the collectours of that partes for the sayde Subsidie returned into the sayde Eschequer, to be there with charged with the payment of the sayd Subsidie, in such maner, as if the sayd fines had been set and tared vpon the sayd offenders for the sayd Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the sayde aucthoritie of this Parliament, that euery of the sayd hygh collectours, which shall accompt for any part of the sayd Subsidie in the sayd Eschequer, vpon theyr sayde seuerall accomptes to be yeelded, shalbe allowed at euery of the sayde paymentes of the said Subsidie, for every pounce limited to his collection, where of any such collectoure shalbe charged and yeelde accompt, five pence, as parcel of theyr charge, that is to say, of euery pounce thereof for such persons as then haue had the perticuler collection in the Townes and other places, as is aforesayde, specified in his collection, two pence, and other two pence of euery pounce thereof, euery of the sayd cheefe collectours theyr accomptantes, to reteine to theyr owne vse for theyr labour and charge, in and about the premisses, and two pence of euery pounce residue to be deliuered, allowed, & payde by the said collectours, so being thereof allowed, to such of the commissioners as shall take vpon them the businesse and labour, for and about the premisses, that is to say, euery collectour to pay that commissioner or commissioners whiche had the ordering of the wytynges, of, and for the sayd Subsidie, where the sayd collectour or collectours had theyr collection, for expences of the said commissioner, so taking vpon them the said businesse and labour of their clarkes, wyting the said preceptes & estreats for the said collections, the same last two pence of euery pounce to be deuided amongst the sayde commissioners, hauryng regarde to theyr labour and businesse, taken by them or theyr sayd clarkes in and about the premisses, for the which part so to the commissioners attaining, the sayd commissioners, five, siue, foure, three, or as many of them as shalbe thereto appointed by the King & Queenes maiesties Commission, & euery of them ioyntly and seuerally for his & their said part, may haue his remedie agaynst the

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sayde collectour or collectours, which thereof ben and myght haue ben allowed by action of debt, in the whiche the defendant shall not wage his law, neith her protection, neither intumction, or other essoigne shalbe allowed. And that no person now beying of the number of the compaignie of this present Parliament, nor any commissioner, shalbe named or assigned to be any collectour or subcollectour, or presentour of the sayde Subsidie, or of any part thereof, nor no commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentment or certificate, other then in the King & Queenes maiesties said Exchequer, of, for, or concerning the said Subsidie or any part therof, and likewise that none other person that shalbe named or assigned to be commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of this act of Subsidie, be or shalbe assigned or named head collectours of any of the paymentes of the sayd Subsidie, neyther of any part therof. And that euery such person or personnes which shalbe named and appointed as is aforesayd, to be head collectours of the sayd Subsidie, or for any part therof, & euery of them, be and shalbe acquitted & discharged of al maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in the King and Queenes maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them, or any of them, by reason of that collection, paymentes, or accomptes, or any thing concerning the same to be asked: and that if any person receaue and take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any such accomptant, that then he shall forsaie to the King and Queenes Maiesties, for euery peny or value of peny so taken, twentie pence, and suffer imprisonment at the King and Queenes maiesties pleasure, and after the taxing and selling of the sayde Subsidie, as is aforesayd, had and made, and the sayde estreates thereof in parchment, vnto the collectours in maner & fourme before rehearsed deliuered the said commissioners which shal take vpon them the execution of this acte, within the limittes of theyr commission, by theyr agreementes, shall haue meetyng together, at whiche meetyng euery of the sayde commissioners, which then shall haue taken vppon them the execution of any part of the sayde commission, shall by hym selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, truely certifie and bryng forth vnto the sayde commissioners named in the sayde commission, the certificate and presentment made before hym, and suche other commissioners as were limited with hym in one limite, so that the same certificate may be accompted and cast with the other certificates of the other limittes within the same commission, and then the sayde commissioners, and euery number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesayd, yf any be in life, or their executours or administratours of theyr goodes, yf they be then dead, shall ioyntly and seuerally, as they were directed within theyr limittes, vnder theyr scales, by theyr discretion, make one or seuerall wytynges, indented, conteynyng in it aswell the names of the sayd collectours, by the commissioners for such collection and accompt in the Exchequer, and payment in the sayde receipte,

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deputed and assigned, as the grosse and severall summes wyrtten bnto every such collectour, to receive the sayd Subsidie. And also all fines, amerciamentes, and other forfaytures, yf any suche by reason of this acte happen to be, within the precinct and limite of theyr commission, to be certified into the King and Quernes Maiesties sayd Eschequer, by the sayde commissioners, in whiche wyrttyng or wyrttynges indented, so to be certified, shalbe playnely declared and expessed the whole and entyre summe or summes of the sayde Subsidie, severally limited to the collection of the sayd collectour, severally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayd summes, so that none of the sayd collectours so certified in the sayde Eschequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt, or to be charged, but only to and for the summe limited to his collection, and not to or for any summe limited to the collection of his felowe, but that every of them shalbe severally charged for theyr parte limited to theyr collection.

And yf the sayde commissioners ioyned in one commission, amongst them selues in that matter cannot agree, or yf any of them be not ready, or refuse to make certificate with other of the same commissioners: that then the same commissioners may make severall indentures in fourte afore sayd, of theyr severall limites, or separations of collectours within the limites of theyr commission, upon and in the hundreds, wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or such other lyke divisions within theyr said severall limits of their commission, as the places there shal require, to be severed and divided, and as to the same commissioners shal seeme good, to make divisions of theyr limites or collections for the severall charges of the same collectours: So that alwaye one collectour shalbe charged and accompt for his part to hym to be limited onely by hym selfe, and not for any summe limited to the part of any of his felowes, and the charges of every of the collectours to be set and certified severally upon them, and every such collectour upon his accompt and payment of the summe of money limited within his collection, to be severally by hym selfe acquitted and discharged in the sayde Eschequer, without paying any manner fees or rewardes to any personne or personnes for the same, upon the payne and penaltie last abovesayde, and not be charged for any portion of any other collectour. And yf any commissioner after he hath taken certificate of theyr, that as is afore sayde, shal before any such commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and sette, and the bookes and wyrttynges thereof beying in his handes: or yf any collectour, or other person, charged with any receipt of any part of the sayde Subsidie, or any other person taxed, or otherwyse by this acte charged with and for any parcel of the sayd Subsidie, or with any other summes, or fines, amerciamentes, penaltie, or other forfayture, happen to dye before the commissioner, collectour, or other whatsoever person or personnes, have executed, accomplished, satisfied,

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Or sufficiently discharged, that whiche to every such person shall appa-
teyne or belong to doo according to this acte, then the executours and
heires of every such person, and all other sealed of any landes, or tene-
mentes, that any suche person beyng charged by this acte, and deces-
syng before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his hie, only had of
estate of inheritauce, at the tyme that anye suche person was named
commissioner, collectour, or otherwyle charged with and for any man-
ner of thyng to be done, satisfied, or payde, by reason of this acte, and all
those that have in theyr possessions or handes, any goodes, or cattelles,
that were to anye suche personne at the tyme of his death, or anye lan-
des, or tenementes, that were the same personnes at the tyme he was,
as is aforesayde, charged by this acte, shalbe by the same compelled and
charged to doo and accomplishe in every case, as the same person so be-
yng charged, shoulde have done, and myght have ben compelled to do,
yf he had been in playne lyfe, after suche rate of the landes and goodes
of the sayde commissioner, or collectour, as the partie shall have in his
handes. And yf the sayde commissioners, for causes reasonable them
mouyng, shall thynke it not convenient to ioyne in one certificate, as
is beforesayde, then the sayde person or persons that shall fynde ioyne
together, or he that shall fynd certifie the sayde wytyng indented, as
is aforesayde, shall certifie all the names of the commissioners of that
commission, wherupon such wytynges shalbe there then to be certified,
with the division of the Hundreides, wardes, wapentakes, Cithynges,
or other places, to, and amonge suche commissioners of the same com-
mission, where suche separations and divisions shalbe, with the grosse
summes of money, as well of, and for the sayde Subsidie, tared, or set,
of, or within the sayde Hundreides, wardes, wapentakes, or other pla-
ces, to hym or them divided or assigned, that shall so certifie the sayde
fynd wytynges, as of fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, or other for-
feitures (yf any happen to be) within the same limittes, whereof the
same wytynges shalbe certified, as after suche wytynges indented,
which, as is aforesayd, shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the whole
and full summes, set and tared within the limittes of the same com-
mission, the other commissioners of the same before the day of payment
of the sayde Subsidie, shall certifie into the sayd Exchequer, by theyr
wytyng or wytynges indented, to be made, as is aforesayde, the grosse
and severall summes, set and tared within the places to them limit-
ted for the sayde Subsidie, and other fynes, amerciamentes, penalties,
and forfeitures, with the names of the Hundreides, wardes, wapen-
takes, and other places to them assigned, or els by theyr sayde wy-
tynges indented, to certifie at the sayd place before the sayde day of pay-
ment, suche reasonable causes for theyr excuses, why they may not
make suche certificate, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, whiche fines,
amerciamentes, and other forfeitures, growyng, or set, by reason of the
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causes of thei? lettes or of thei? none certifying, as is aforesayde, or els in default therof, proces to be made out of the king and queenes Maies- ties sayde Exchequer, agaynst the sayde commissioners, and euery of them not making certificate, as is aforesayde, by the discretion of the Treasurer or Barons of the sayde Exchequer.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the inhabitants of the Paryshe of saint Martine, called Stam- forde Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stam- forde, in the south part of the water there, called Wellande, whiche hereafter shalbe contributorie to the payment of this present subsidie, graunted to the queenes Maestie, her heires, or successors, shalbe as- sessed, rated, and taxed for this tyme, by such commissioners which shal be appoynted for the taryng, ratyng, and sellyng of suche subsidie or tare within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this tyme con- tributorie, and paye the sayde subsidie to the collectour or collectours, whiche shalbe assigned and appoynted for the leuyng and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen & Burgesses of the sayde Borough and Towne of Stamford.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and euerye person and persons, hauing manours, landes, te- nementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the subsidie graunted to the queenes Maestie, by this acte, and al- so hauing spiritual possessions, chargeable to her sayde Maestie, by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme, in thei? conuo- cation, and ouer this, hauing substance in goodes, and cattelles, char- geable by this sayd acte, that then yf any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and taxed for the sayde manours, landes, and tenementes, and spiritual possessions, and also assessed, charged, and taxed for his or thei? goodes, or cattels: that then he or thei? shalbe one- ly charged by vertue of this acte, for his and thei? sayde manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or spirituall possessions, or onely for his sayde goodes and cattelles, the best thereof to be taken for the queenes Maestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsidie, nor anye thyng therein conteyned, in any wyse extende to charge the inhabitants, or dwellers within Ireland, Iernesey, or Garnesey, or any of them, of, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other moueable substance, whiche the sayde inha- bitantes or dwellers, or any other to thei? use, haue within Irelande, Iernesey, and Garnesey, or any of them, or of, for, or concernyng anye fees, or wages, which any of the sayd inhabitants or dwellers haue

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of the kyng and queenes maiesties; for thei attendance and doynge seruice to our sayd soueraigne Lorde and Ladie, in Irelande, Iernsey and Garnsey, or in any of them, any thyng in this present act to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this present act of Subsidie, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shal tynde to any of the Englishe inhabitantes, or resiantes, in anye of the countiees of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newecastle vpon Tyne, and the Bishopricke of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concerning any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other mouable substance, which the same inhabitantes, or dwellers, or any other to thei vse, haue within the sayde countiees of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, or the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newecastle vpon Tyne, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, and concerning any fees or wages whiche any of the sayde inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the Kyng and Queenes Maiesties, for thei attendaunce and dooyng seruice to the Kyng and Queenes Maiesties, for or within the sayde countiees of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newecastle vpon Tyne, and the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the saide sayyng, leuyng, gathering, or paymente, but that the Englishe inhabitantes, and resiantes, and euery of them, of the sayde countiees, Bishopricke, and townes, and euery of them, shalbe of and from the sayde Subsidie, and euerye parcel thereof, and for thei manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattelles, lyng and being in the sayde countiees, townes, and Bishopricke, or any of them, utterly acquitted and discharged: any thyng in this present acte before rehearsed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that al letters patentes, graunted by the kyng or Queenes Maiesties, or any of her most noble progenitours, to any Cities, Burroughes, or townes, within this realme, of any maner liberties, priuiledges, or exemptions, from the burthen and charge of anye suche graunt of Subsidie, whiche be at this present tyme in force and payle able, shal remayne good and effectual, to the sayde Cities, Burroughes and Townes hereafter, according to the purportes thereof, though the inhabitantes of the same shal vpon the great and weyghthe consideration of the graunt aforesayde, be for this graunt charged and contributoie, in lyke maner, forme, and sort, as other cities, Burroughes, and townes, whiche be not in any wise priuiledged, be from such graunt of Subsidie excepted.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no Orphan or Infant within the age of xxi. yeres, borne within any of the Queenes maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment

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ment of this Subsidie, for his or her goodes and cattels, to hym or her least or bequeathed: Any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to the goodes and landes of the Colledge, Hall, or Ostel, within the Universities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Wynton, founded by Bishoppe Wyckham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Eaton, next Wyndsoze, or to the goodes or landes of any free Gramer Schole, within the Realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Schoolemaster, or Scholler, within the sayd Universities and Colledges, or any of them, there remayning for studie, without fraude or covin, or to the goodes and landes of any Hospitall, Heaondie we, or Spittlehouse, prepared & bled for the sustentation and reliefe of poore people: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that forasmuche as divers and sundrie the Kynges and Queenes Majesties Tenautes, and other inhabitautes and dwellers within the Counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnoure, Monomerie, Denbigh, Flynt, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, and of the Countie Palantine of Chester, be at this present tyme charged and chargeable with the severall paymentes of divers great summes of money by the names of Wyle, due to theyr majesties, accordyng to the severall customes of the sayd Counties, for the payment whereof divers and sundry the Gentlemen & other the inhabitautes, be, and stande bounden to theyr heghnesse: and that also there doo remayne yet unpaide in divers of the sayde dominions and Countie Palantine, the Subsidie graunted to the King and Queenes Majesties:

Be it therefore ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this act of Subsidie, or any thyng therein conteined, shal not extend to charge any of the King & Queenes Tenautes, and other inhabitants and dwellers within any of the sayde Counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnoure, Monomerie, Denbigh, Flynt, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, and the Countie Palantine of Chester, being charged or chargeable with the said Wyle, for, or in any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, graunted to the King and Queenes Majesties by this acte, untill the severall dayes and tymes appoynted & agreed for the payment of the sayd Wyle shalbe expired, and lyke wyse the dayes and tymes of the sayd Subsidie lately graunted to our sayd Soueraigne Lord and Lady be past and expyred: and that then the payment of the sayde Subsidie lately graunted by this present acte, shalbe made at the receipt of the Kynges and Queenes

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of the kyng and queenes maiesties, for thei attendance and doynge seruice to our sayd soueraigne Lorde and Ladie, in Irelande, Iernsey and Garnsey, or in any of them, any thyng in this present act to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this present act of Subsidie, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shal tende to any of the Englishe inhabitantes, or resiantes, in anye of the counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newcastell upon Tyne, and the Bishopricke of Durham, nor to any of them, or, for, or concerning any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other movable substance, which the same inhabitantes, or dwellers, or any other to thei use, haue within the sayde counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, or the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newcastell upon Tyne, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, or, of, for, and concerning any fees or wages whiche any of the sayde inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the Kyng and Queenes Maiesties, for thei attendaunce and dooyng seruice to the Kyng and Queenes Maiesties, for or within the sayde counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newcastell upon Tyne, and the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the saide sayng, leuyng, gathering, or paymente, but that the Englishe inhabitantes, and resiantes, and euery of them, of the sayde counties, Bishopricke, and townes, and euery of them, shalbe of and from the sayde Subsidie, and euery parcel thereof, and for thei manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattels, lyng and being in the sayde counties, townes, and Bishopricke, or any of them, utterly acquitted and discharged: any thyng in this present acte before rehearsed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that al letters patentes, graunted by the kyng or Queenes Maiesties, or any of her most noble progenitours, to any Cities, Burroughes, or townes, within this realme, of any maner liberties, priuiledges, or exemptions, from the burthen and charge of anye suche graunt of Subsidie, whiche be at this present tyme in force and payleable, shal remayne good and effectual, to the sayde Cities, Burroughes and Townes hereafter, according to the purportes thereof, though the inhabitantes of the same shal upon the great and weyghthe consideration of the graunt aforesayde, be for this graunt charged and contributoie, in lyke maner, forme, and sort, as other cities, Burroughes, and townes, whiche be not in any wise priuiledged, be from such graunt of Subsidie excepted.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no Orphan or Infant within the age of xii. yeres, borne within any of the Queenes maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment

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ment of this Subsidie, for his or her goodes and cattels, to hym or her least or bequeathed : Any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to the goodes and landes of the Colledge, Hall, or Ouel, within the Universities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Wynton, founded by Byschoppe Wyckham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Eaton, next Wyndsoze, or to the goodes or landes of any free Gramer Schole, within the Realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Schoolemaster, or Scholler, within the sayd Universities and Colledges, or any of them, there remayning for studie, without fraude or covin, or to the goodes and landes of any Hospitall, Heaondiewe, or Spittlehouse, prepared & bled for the sustentation and reliefe of poore people : any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that forasmuche as diuers and sundrie the Kynges and Queenes Maiesties Tenautes, and other inhabitants and dwellers within the Counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnoure, Monmouth, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, and of the Countie Palantine of Chester, be at this present tyme charged and chargeable with the severall paymentes of diuers great summes of money by the names of Wyse, due to theyr maiesties, accordyng to the severall custumes of the sayd Counties, for the payment wherof diuers and sundry the Gentlemen & other the inhabitants, be, and stande bounden to theyr hyghnesse : and that also there doo remayne yet unpaide in diuers of the sayde dominions and Countie Palantine, the Subsidie graunted to the King and Queenes Maiesties :

Be it therefore ordeined and enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that this acte of Subsidie, or any thing therein conteined, shal not extend to charge any of the King & Queenes Maiesties, and other inhabitants and dwellers within any of the sayde Counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnoure, Monmouth, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, and the Countie Palantine of Chester, being charged or chargeable with the said Wyse, for, or in any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, graunted to the King and Queenes Maiesties by this acte, vntyll the severall dayes and tymes appoynted & agreed for the payment of the sayd Wyse shalbe expired, and lyke wyse the dayes and tymes of the sayd Subsidie lately graunted to our sayd Soueraigne Lord and Lady be past and expyred : and that then the payment of the sayde Subsidie lately graunted by this present acte, shalbe made at the receipt of the Kynges and
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Queenes Erchequer, before the fyrst day of Marche next folowyng, after the dayes appoynted for the latter payment to be made of the sayde mises, and also of the payment of the sayd former Subsidie.

Furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the tenants and dwellers of euery of the sayd Counties in this prouiso remembered, shall severally before the feast of Pentecost next ensuing, certifye in the sayd court of Erchequer, vnder the seales of two Iustices of peace of euery the sayde Counties, whereof one to be of the Quorum, when and what day the last payment of the sayde severall mises, now due in any of the sayd Counties shal ende and expyre.

Provided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidie, or any other thyng therein conteyned, do not in any wyse extende to be prejudiciall or hurtful to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at this present tyme, within the fyve portes, or to any of theyr members incorporate, or united to the same fyve portes, or to any of the same fyve portes, or for any part or parcell of the sayd summes graunted in this Parliament, of the sayd inhabitauntes now resiant, or any of them, to be tared, set, assed, levied, or payde, but the sayde inhabitauntes, and resiauntes in the sayde fyve portes, and theyr members, be and shalbe, of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsidie, during theyr resiauntye there, and no longer, clearly acquitted and discharged, any matter or whatsoever thyng in this present acte had or made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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